



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



Happy New Year!

Soldier killed by explosive device in Iraq

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Deputy Camp Commander Lt. Col. Tom Lamie confirmed on Monday that a soldier from a unit attached to Camp Grayling was killed in Iraq last Friday.

Lamie said details are still a bit sketchy at this time, but confirmed 28-year old Staff Sergeant Michael J. Sutter, assigned to the 745th Ordnance Company (EOD), died December 26 in the town of Baquba as a result of a detonated improvised explosive device.

Notification of Sutter's next of kin and funeral arrangements are being handled by a Casualty Assistance Officer out of Illinois. He was from the Chicago area. Lamie said correspondence received regarding Sutter's death stated he was single with no dependents.

Although Sutter was not a Michigan resident, he became a member of the Michigan Army National Guard in May 2002,

just six months before the 745th deployed to Texas in anticipation of going to Iraq. Prior to that, Sutter served for eight years on active duty with the United States Army.

Lamie said there are a few soldiers with the 745th who are not from Michigan, including one from North Carolina and one from Pennsylvania. The 745th specializes in explosive ordnance disposal.

Two other soldiers died as a result of attacks by insurgents in Iraq. Both men are from the Upper Peninsula and were assigned to Army Reserve units out of Ellsworth, Wisconsin. A special memorial service was held by fellow troops for the three soldiers over the weekend in Iraq.

No information has been issued regarding stateside funeral services for Staff Sergeant Sutter or the other two men, whose names were not immediately available.

Snowmobile crash takes life of downstate teen

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The week of Christmas began on a somber note for snowmobile enthusiasts in Crawford County as the Sheriff's Office reported the season's first snowmobile fatality.

A 19-year old man from the Detroit suburb of Troy was killed December 22 when he was attempting to round a curve and hit a tree. Nicolas Thomas Balinski was pronounced dead at the scene.

The accident occurred on the Blue Bear Trail in Frederic Township just after 11 a.m. that day. Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said alcohol and drugs were not factors in the accident, but speed is believed to have played a part. The accident continues to be under investigation.

Rescue personnel from Frederic Township Volunteer Fire and EMS responded to the

scene. It took the group about 20 minutes from the time of the emergency call to reach Balinski. Sheriff's and Michigan Department of Natural Resources personnel also assisted in the location of the victim and rescue efforts.

Other snowmobile accidents resulting in non-threatening injuries were also reported in Crawford County last week, although trails deteriorated rapidly with rising temperatures late last week and some rain on Sunday, December 28. Daytime temperatures are expected to return to the low 30s this week and fresh snow is expected for the New Year weekend.

Wakefield urges all snowmobilers to wear their helmets, travel with at least one other person, carry a survival kit of water and high energy snacks, keep speeds down, and never drink before or while operating a snowmobile.

County Board organizational meeting set for January 5

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has scheduled its annual organizational meeting for Monday, January 5 at 10 a.m. at the county building in Grayling.

During this annual meeting, Commissioners will review board procedures, appoint or re-appoint members to a variety of committee chairmanships, assignments and liaison positions to local board-appointed agencies.

The Commissioners may also address any business that may come legally before the Board on January 5. Any questions regarding additional agenda items for

this meeting may be directed to Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore at (989) 344-3200.

A workshop for the Commissioners is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, January 12 to cover procedural rules, including the Open Meetings Act and any new state laws pertaining to the operation of County Boards of Commissioners.

Although there are no new Commissioners on the Board, its members consider this annual workshop a good refresher course for all.

Tiny carolers



Photo by Annie Blair

A charming group of young carolers from the Grayling Co-Op Preschool stopped by the Avalanche office on December 22 to share their excitement and anticipation of Christmas with songs and smiles. The newspaper's employees found the musical treat delightful.

Visioning session to focus on downtown

The City of Grayling and Crawford County, which recently teamed up to secure a grant for a downtown area economic and market feasibility study, will now conduct a downtown planning and visioning session as part of the continuing process to revitalize the downtown area.

The downtown planning and visioning session, to be held at the Crawford County

Building on Thursday, January 8, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., is open to anyone interested in attending.

"The purpose of this meeting will be to develop a vision for the downtown area and look at the range of concepts and ideas that may help to revitalize it," said Pete Ingvarsson, Chairman of Grayling's Downtown Development Authority. "It is

essential to this process that we have the input from (community) stakeholders. This community can move forward, but we must move together."

For more information on the visioning session, contact City Manager Allen Lowe at 348-2131 or County Controller Paul Compo at 348-2841.

T'was the week before Christmas and all through the library...

The week before Christmas and all through the town,
The children were excited, it was hard to settle down.
The parents were rushing to finish their chores,
While the Librarian was preparing to read Clement C. Moore.
The children arrived, all warm in their jammies,
To the doors of the library to be greeted by Bambi.
The air was filled with the smell of fresh treats,
"Wow, there must be something good to eat!"
As the moment arrived and the crowd settled down,
Nancy Stephenson began, there wasn't a sound.
The Ducks of Gifford, a story of sharing,
Began the festivities with loving and caring.
The children were excited with eyes open wide,
As Bambi opened the cover and peered inside.
"T'was the night before Christmas..." each word was read,
As the children grew tired and readied for bed.
As the story was finished and we were closing the book,
Edward exclaimed, "Oh, my... look, look, look!"
For sounds could be heard, like the pawing of hooves,
At the Devereaux Library up on the roof.
For Santa had been there, he had been checking his list,
Preparing to deliver each present and gift.
"Wait seven days and you shall see,
Gifts from Santa under your tree."
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Merry Christmas Crawford County, and to the children...
Goodnight!"

by Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson



Crawford County Youth Librarian Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson reads a Christmas classic to children who attended the December 18 event in their pajamas.

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Bill toughens boating hit-and-run sentences

LANSING — Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed into law on December 22 legislation introduced by Sen. Tony Stamas (R-Midland), toughening the punishment for the operator of a boat involved in a hit-and-run accident resulting in death or a crippling injury.

This change, from a misdemeanor to a felony, makes the penalty for this crime the same as those for causing a hit-and-run accident in an automobile.

The bill-signing ceremony took place in the governor's office in the State Capitol and was attended by members of the family of Brent Veitengruber.

In September 2002, 33-year old Brent Veitengruber of Linwood was killed in a hit-and-run boating accident on Wixom Lake in Gladwin County. The operator of the other boat was convicted of negligent homicide and negligent crippling, a two-year high court misdemeanor, and was sentenced in July 2003 to one year in jail.

"This was a tragic accident that had a devastating effect on an entire family," Stamas said. "It only made common sense to make this necessary change in the law. The Veitengruber family has gone through so much, and they have played such an active role in getting this law changed.

"Their activism has made a difference in making sure others recognize the severe consequences of their actions and that this loophole in the law is closed."

The Veitengruber family issued the following statement: "The family of Brent Veitengruber is glad that this law has finally been changed. We appreciate Tony Stamas, the Michigan Legislature and Governor Granholm for helping make sure that no family has to endure what we went through during the sentencing process."

Currently, the driver of a boat involved in such an accident is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum sentence of 90 days. Under changes made by Stamas in Senate Bills 658 and 659, someone guilty of failure to stop at the scene of a marine accident causing death will be guilty of a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

Someone guilty of failure to stop at the scene of a marine accident causing serious impair-



Photo courtesy of Sen. Tony Stamas

Sen. Tony Stamas (R-Midland) was joined by members of the Veitengruber family at the state Capitol on December 22. Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed legislation into law making the penalties for a boating hit-and-run accident the same as those involving motor vehicles. Linwood resident Brent Veitengruber was killed in a hit-and-run boating accident on Wixom Lake last year. Granholm (center) signs the bill introduced by Stamas (immediate left). Members of the family present included Brent's widow, Tanya; parents, Mick and Sharon Veitengruber; brother, Casey; father and mother-in-law Daniel and Sally Sylvester; uncle and aunt Jim and June Weiler; and close friend and Stamas' sister, Angela Wojda.

ment will be guilty of a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines. Senate Bills 658 and 659 have been assigned Public Act numbers 231 and 232 of 2003.

Reward offered for arrest of gas station robber

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who robbed a local gas station clerk at gunpoint more than a week ago.

A clerk at the Parmalee Trading Post was approached December 21 evening around 8 p.m. by a male in his late teens. He allegedly produced a large handgun and demanded money. The combination gas station convenience store is located on County Road 489 in Luzerne in Oscoda County, east of the Crawford County line.

The clerk described the suspect to police as a white male, possibly around 18 years old, wearing a gray suit coat, white t-shirt, a black ski mask with some sort of white marking, and dark gloves. The clerk was unable to provide information on the suspect's direction or mode of travel after fleeing the store with about \$2,000.

The store is reported to be equipped with a surveillance camera, but there was no videotape in it at the time of the robbery.

An Oscoda County Sheriff's Deputy was assisted that evening by personnel from the

Crawford County Sheriff's Office, who were ready to intercept the suspect if he entered Crawford County. Michigan State Troopers also responded, including one Canine (K-9) or tracking dog unit.

This robbery occurred just one week after the BP gas station in Frederic Township was robbed at gunpoint before dawn on December 14.

The suspect, also armed with a handgun, fled with approximately \$70. That suspect was described as a young, white male, about 5' 3" to 5' 5" tall with a slim build. He was reported to be wearing a gray

hooded sweatshirt, an orange ski mask and dark blue jeans.

As of press time Monday, no one has been arrested in connection with either crime, although law enforcement has noted the similarities between the two robberies and may be looking for the same suspect in both cases.

Anyone with information regarding the BP station robbery is asked to call the Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post. Those who may have information about the Parmalee Trading Post robbery are asked to call the Oscoda County Sheriff's Office.

Camp Grayling being considered for part of DHS training center

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senators Carl Levin (D-MI) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) announced December 22 they have invited Department of Homeland Security's (DHS)

newly appointed Deputy Secretary James Loy to visit the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) and Camp Grayling.

In July 2003, Levin and Stabenow wrote to then-DHS Deputy Secretary Gordon England, asking that he consider utilizing these two National Guard training facilities as a joint training center for DHS.

"The Alpena CRTC and Camp Grayling possess state-of-the-art facilities that annually train thousands of members of the National Guard as well as first responders," said Levin. "Earlier this year (2003), Paul McHale, Deputy Secretary of Defense for Homeland Security, visited both facilities and came away impressed by both them and the

people who run them. We believe that Deputy Secretary Loy will be similarly impressed and we look forward to hosting him upon his visit."

"Locating a DHS training center at the Alpena CRTC and Camp Grayling would not only be a huge boost for Michigan's own homeland security efforts, but would provide the Department with the kind of state-of-the-art training facilities that they are searching for," Stabenow said. "It is my hope that Deputy Secretary Loy will be able to see first-hand the kind of exemplary facilities that Michigan has to offer."

The proposed training center would provide a joint facility where civilian and military first responders could train in a realistic setting.

Only 93 miles apart, the two locations would immediately provide users with two military airfields, nearly 150,000 acres of training space, as well as facilities for housing those who train there.

Camp Grayling has over 147,000 acres where any type of training could be conducted, while Alpena has state-of-the-art facilities for training Air National Guard firefighters and EMS personnel.

Efforts also continue by U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (R-MI) for Michigan's 10th Congressional District, to make Selfridge Air National Guard Base, near Mount Clemens, the Midwest Regional Headquarters for the nation's Department of Homeland Security.

Man sentenced for cutting, stealing white cedars

CADILLAC — A Gladwin resident was sentenced last month in federal court after being convicted of stealing timber from the Huron National Forest.

U.S. Attorney Jeffrey G. Collins announced that 47-year old Steven M. Freund was sentenced December 9 in federal court in Bay City by U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles E. Binder to 36 months probation, with the first four months being served as home confinement.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James A. Brunson, who prosecuted the case back in July 2003, said, "Mr. Freund was found guilty by a jury on July 17, 2003 on a charge of cutting, wantonly destroying and removing timber growing in the Huron National

Forest."

Brunson said evidence at Freund's trial established that in September and October of 2002, Freund systematically cut down and removed dozens of white cedar trees from the Forest and sold the timber to an area lumber mill.

The U.S. Forest Service began its investigation after receiving an anonymous tip by telephone that someone was stealing timber from a particular area in the forest.

Forest Service investigators installed a hidden surveillance camera at the spot. Freund was caught by the camera a few days later removing a load of cedar from the area in his pickup truck.

The sentence was imposed under the United States Sentencing Guidelines, according to the nature of the offense and the criminal background, if any, of the defendant.

Freund was also ordered to pay \$9,066 in restitution and to complete 360 hours of community service.

Brunson commended the U.S. Forest Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for their investigation of the case which led to the successful prosecution of Freund.

Freund is currently awaiting trial in Iosco County on charges of Arson and Arson of a Dwelling with Intent to Defraud an Insurer.

Car in ditch leads troopers to suspected car thief

State troopers apprehended a Prudenville resident who then confessed to four crimes.

The suspect, whose name has not been released pending arraignment, was caught in the early morning hours of December 24 after troopers from the Michigan State Police

Houghton Lake Post spotted a car in a ditch.

Footprints at the scene led troopers to the suspect who confessed to the charges of Attempted Breaking and Entering, Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile, Carrying a Concealed Weapon

and Absconding from Parole.

No further details of the charges or where the crimes occurred were available at press time.

The suspect is currently lodged in the Roscommon County Jail awaiting arraignment.

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Girl Scouts provide Christmas tree, meal for local family



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Girl Scout Troop 2311 used proceeds from their recent cookie drive to bring a nice Christmas to a local family. (Above) The scouts cut down a tree at a nearby tree farm, with assistance and transportation provided by Bob Miller (not shown). (At right) The scouts, with the help of Doug Wilson, Director of AuSable Valley Youth Services Bureau, delivered the tree complete with decorations and a Christmas food basket to the family. A ham was donated by Glen's Market of Grayling. Participating were: Kara Holland (not shown), Marie Miller, Sarah Miller, Tabitha Pelkey, Talia Piper (not shown), Bridget Riehle, Melissa West; leaders Therese Toutant and Denise Riehle.



Celebrity Care Givers auction just part of C.A.R.E. Night fun

How much fun would it be to have a local "celebrity" provide a special service just for you? On January 24, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling, bidders will have the opportunity to do just that.

The event that evening will be the Crawford County United Way (CCUW) C.A.R.E. Night, and one of the special features will be Care Giver services. The successful bidders will each receive a local celebrity's time to provide a specific service.

C.A.R.E. Night is an annual event for the Crawford County United Way's 2004 fundraising

campaign. Last year, over \$9,000 was raised with this event.

"We hope to surpass that mark this year," said April Brunger, CCUW Director. "Having more than 150 items donated by local area businesses and individuals, last year's auction was a great success."

Brunger said this year's event promises to be just as exciting. "There will be a professional auctioneer, as well as bucket raffles, 50/50 raffles and both a silent and live auction as well."

All proceeds from the raffles and auctions will benefit 18 member agencies that provide

much needed services to residents of Crawford County, including Habitat for Humanity, Grayling Cooperative Pre-School, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services, Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, and Mercy Amicare Hospice, just to name a few.

C.A.R.E. Night begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 24 with the celebrity auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission will be \$5 per person. Paid admission will make patrons eligible for any one of a number of door prizes. Food and

drink will be sold by the Knights of Columbus, and pizzas will be available for sale throughout the evening.

The Knights of Columbus Hall is located at 604 Norway in Grayling, just south of M-72 West.

Watch the Crawford County Avalanche for complete auction listings in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact Brunger at the CCUW at (989) 344-9300 or by e-mail at: ccuw2002@yahoo.com.

"Please join us in helping to build a caring community - The United Way," said Brunger.

Gillard votes 'yes' to 6-month income tax rollback

LANSING - State Rep. Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) cast his vote December 18 supporting a budget agreement for the 2003-2004 Fiscal Year.

The budget bill, which mirrors the Executive Order issued by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm passed recently, with the unanimous support of House Democrats and several Republicans. It spares K-12 education, higher education, revenue sharing and health care programs from deeper cuts.

"We remained sensitive to the priorities of Michigan's families, children and communities, while also achieving a necessary balance that minimizes cuts in a responsible and equitable manner," Gillard said.

"This action is a step in the right direction and prepares us for dealing with the challenges

that confront us in the next fiscal year."

The budget that passed today mitigates cuts to per-pupil spending in K-12 education, state revenue sharing and higher education. It also holds funding for the Healthy Michigan Initiative and the Merit Award Scholarship harmless and spares vital agricultural programs, including the Agricultural Experiment Station, Project GREEN and Michigan State University's Cooperative Extension (MSU-E).

All of this was accomplished through additional cuts to administrative and other state expenses and by temporarily freezing the income tax rollback for six months.

The freeze, according to some experts, will only impact the average family of four about \$21.50 or about \$5.38 per per-

son.

"Some lawmakers sought to balance the budget on the backs of veterans, students and seniors," Gillard said. "We stayed focused on minimizing cuts to our schools and commu-

nities, and we delivered."

"My colleagues who had the courage to do the right thing deserve credit. They passed a budget that supports the priorities of Michigan's working families."

Permits needed for right-of-way snow fences

It's no secret. Each year, residents in northern Michigan install snow fences on their property.

However, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is reminding property owners that construction of any fence or barricade in the highway right-of-way, without a permit, is prohibited by law.

All work done within the right-of-way requires a permit from MDOT.

"An obstruction like a snow

fence within the right-of-way is a safety issue," said North Region Engineer Brian Ness. "Fences can block the view of people trying to enter and exit the highway. The permitting process ensures that any changes in the right-of-way meet safety standards."

Any fence or barricade put up without a permit will be removed and the work may be charged to the property owner.

For more information, log on to: www.michigan.gov/mdot.

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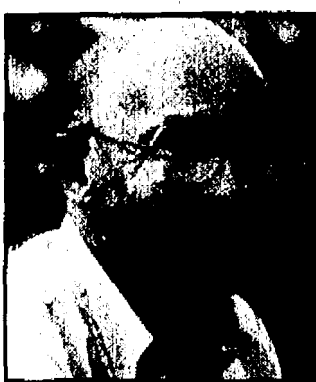
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by Richard Milliman

Second chance for 2003 Almanack wit and wisdom

IN CASE FAITHFUL readers somehow missed out the first time around, here's a second chance to review a smattering of wit and wisdom which appeared in The Almanack during the past year

On John Engler's departure after 12 years as governor: John Engler's Michigan legacy has yet to be determined. History is like that. It should only be written long after the fact, by people who were not involved personally but who can stand back and view what happened in a detached way. One thing is for certain: We will not soon forget John Engler and the things he did for -- and to -- Michigan and its people.

On Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the press: (She) pointed out that the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of the press not for the press, but for the people. It's people freedom, not press freedom, she said When efforts emerge to limit access by the press to courts, records or other gov-

ernmental activities, the real victim is the public. Newspapers serve as an agent of the people. Gov. Granholm seems to know that fact ... and so should more people.

When Gov. Granholm introduced her budget: The Granholm budget seemed to float into existence like a butterfly, but it stings like a swarm of huge, irate hornets to state employees who are being asked to give up scheduled pay raises, higher education faced with yet another cut in state support, the fine arts, college students, cities, townships, counties, folks on Medicaid, adult education, users of state parks, everyone who drives a car ... there's hardly a person who won't feel the Granholm cuts and bruises in one way or another. But where's the outrage? Where are the constituent groups hollering that the cuts are unfair and even murderous?

On executive-legislative relations: Each side has responsibility to help run state government, given to them by the

people at last year's election. Each side is jealous of its role, and aims to stem any infringement from the other branch on what they perceive as their constitutional assignments. That one side is Republican and one side is Democratic only adds to the inevitability of controversy and strife.

On appointing federal judges: Despite the politics, the president of either party has responsibility to name judges... and if the senators don't want the nominees, they should be rejected, but not just left hanging... Sitting on nominations by either party hoping the next president will fill more vacancies with friendlier judges should not be allowed. Waiting for the next president to take office won't solve a thing.

On Canadian trash: It's inconceivable that somewhere in the vastness that is Canada, a native landfill cannot be established to accommodate home grown Canadian trash, and probably at a lower cost than shipping it into the next

country.

On the Supreme Court: In theory, the supreme court is made up of nine learned and prestigious citizens, with strong backgrounds in the legal system. The question that has always worried me is how can these nine justices study the same Constitution, look at the same laws, consider the same facts in any particular case, and come up with such fractured decisions. If they all consider the same material, shouldn't they all come to the same conclusion, or nearly the same?

On burning Harry Potter books: Witchcraft and evil magic? I suspect if our kids are smart enough to read and understand 500 to 800 pages in a Harry Potter book, they also are smart enough to distinguish between fantasy and reality.

On involvement in Iraq: Americans always have been impatient, especially when dealing with the rest of the world. We want results, and we want them now.

We think in terms of weeks or months; most of the world thinks in terms of decades or generations. A nation's structure cannot be pounded down, drastically changed, and rebuilt in a matter of months.

On term limits: In most discussions about term limits, opponents argue that "we already have term limits ... they're called elections." That's really not true. Yes, we have regular elections, but when 98 percent of incumbents win the job again, that's not term limits. Incumbency usually means job security.

On Veterans Day: Let us hope and pray that the number of new American service veterans will lessen rather than increase, and that our national day to remember those who have served their country by bearing military arms will stop growing in significance.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Save energy with these winter heating tips

Cooler temperatures and the changing color of leaves signal the start of the heating season. Preparing your home for winter and using energy wisely can keep you safe and warm this winter, as well as save you money on your energy bills. Energy companies offer the following tips on staying warm this winter and managing winter energy costs:

- Schedule a heating system check-up. A qualified heating contractor will make sure the heating system is operating efficiently and delivering the maximum energy savings.

- Clean or replace your furnace's air filters as needed during the winter season. Dirty filters block the warm airflow in the home, causing the furnace to work harder and less economically. Also, check the thermostat to be sure it is working properly. Installing a programmable thermostat may also allow for energy savings.

- Clean and vacuum ducts, vents and heat registers. Make sure there are no leaks in your ductwork and insulate all ducts located in attics and unheated crawl spaces.

- Check your fireplace chimney for debris build-up, leaves and animals. Consider installing screens over your chimney, as well as furnace and dryer vents.

- Install a fireplace door to

prevent heat from escaping. Customers with gas fireplaces should make sure the flue is partially open to allow fumes from the pilot light to escape.

- Place an insulation blanket around older water heaters. Customers with electric water heaters should place the water heater on an insulated surface, such as foam. Adjust the water heater temperature to the warm setting (120 degrees F).

- Seal windows and doors with caulk and weather stripping to block unwanted drafts. If caulk is cracking and peeling away, it allows your home's heat to escape.

- Install attic and basement insulation to keep out drafts and make your home more energy efficient and warm. Adding blown cellulose on top of your rolled fiberglass insulation will increase the insulation value of your attic.

- Homes with proper humidity levels will provide greater comfort at lower temperatures. When humidity is kept at a proper level -- about 35 percent at 70 degrees -- windows will not sweat and the air won't feel dry. Replace the humidifier pad or clean it of calcium deposits for best results.

- Check heat registers to ensure that drapes or furniture do not block airflow.

For more energy savings tips, www.utilities.dteenergy.com.

WASHINGTON NOTES

by U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

Site redesigned with Michiganders in mind

Gathering information in the Internet age is often just a matter of a few key strokes. Sit down at your computer, punch in a couple of keywords into an Internet search engine and up pops a couple of hundred thousand hits. No matter what you're looking for, you can find it on the web. For example, if you type "Carl Levin" into the Google search engine, my official Senate website: <http://levin.senate.gov> will be the first hit at the top of the list.

I have always viewed my website as an extension of my office and an important way to serve the people of Michigan. To improve this service, my office has just launched a brand new website that will make it even easier for Michigan residents to interact with my office to find the information they want or seek the help they need.

On my new website, Michiganders can learn about the many constituent services my office provides, find out more about each of my seven offices around Michigan, look up my voting record, research legislative information, read my positions on over 60 issues, and check out the latest news releases from my office.

The new site employs

advanced technologies to make it easier to communicate with my office. Most communication activities can now be done via an interactive webform. Using this webform, Michiganders can: let me know their opinion on an issue; apply for an internship in one of my eight offices; request help with a federal government agency; apply to be a Senate page; request a letter of recognition; apply for nomination to a military service academy; or request a tour of sites in Washington, D.C.

The new site is completely reorganized to make it easier to use. Most of the information is just two or three mouse clicks away, and a navigational aid appears on each page to let visitors know where they are on the site. In addition, there is an advanced search function that can find a quick answer to a specific question.

The expanded *Constituent Services* section features detailed information on many of the services my office provides. The *Constituent Services* page provides information on how my office can help cut red tape with federal government agencies. The page also provides links to state agencies that can assist

Michigan residents with state issues. There are specific constituent services pages with information on immigration and visas, IRS and taxes, Medicare, Social Security, travel and passports, and veterans.

Other features in the *Constituent Services* section include pages about the federal grant process; activities for visitors to our Nation's Capital; educational and job opportunities; and four separate resource guides for small business entrepreneurs, military families, students and consumers, which are also available in a printable format.

Each of my seven regional offices -- Detroit, Escanaba, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Saginaw, Traverse City and Warren -- has its own page in the *In Michigan* section of the website. Each page gives background on the surrounding area, office contact information, links to local public and private colleges and universities as well as links to local newspapers and chambers of commerce, and a photo gallery.

The *In the Senate* section allows visitors to my website to search for information on legislation and the

"Congressional Record," and provides links to the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives websites. This section also provides detailed information on my legislative record. There is a page about each of the committees and task forces on which I serve, legislation I have introduced or co-sponsored, a searchable database of committee statements and Senate speeches, easy access to my Senate voting record, and an annual summary of key legislative activities dating back to 1993.

On the Issues contains my positions on over 60 issues such as adoption, corporate responsibility, government reform, Great Lakes homeland security, national security and veterans. The *Newsroom* features the latest press releases, newspaper columns and op-eds, excerpts from radio interviews and press photos.

My website has been redesigned to make it easier for people in Michigan to use and easier for my office to provide information and assistance to Michiganders. I hope you'll visit the new website and let me know what you think.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line;

on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, January 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs available. Cost is \$5 per person.

Local Democrats to meet January 8

The Crawford County Democrats will meet Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County courthouse. State 106th District Representative Matt Gillard will be attending and everyone is welcome.

Red Cross blood drive scheduled January 7

There will be a Crawford County American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 7 at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

Hours of the drive will be from noon to 5:45 p.m. and all types of blood are needed. Be sure to bring your Red Cross Card when donating.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. There will be nurses on hand to answer questions.

On November 4, at the Hard Bodyz blood drive, there were 33 donors. First timers were Anthony Elson, Andrew Ferrigan, Ellen Katalenich and Clinton Ramsey.

At the November 5 blood drive at Grayling High School, there were 82 donors. One gallon pins were issued to Paul Baker and Renee Deman.

Also, there were 40 first time donors: Phillip Armstrong, Jessica Ayers, Joseph Bartha, Jess Bobenmoyer, Luke Bryant, Michele Butzin, Robert Butzin, Andrew Czuba, Krystal Davis,

Carolyn Dobry, Laura Gorski, Ashley Halfacre, Emily Harvey, Ashley Hawley, Kade Johnston, Daniel Kenney, Andrew Limmel, Angeanette Lovely, Megan Madill, Casey Mahaffy, Adam Malone, Jennifer Mathey, Shawn McCuan, Miranda Millikin, Rodney Ney, Skylynn Palmer, Dustin Partello, Charles Peterson, Joshua Poll, Kari Pummell, Tabatha Rashid, Nikita Sartin, Ryan Schmidt, Alex Sendek, Rosa Sowulewski, Shane Thompson, Doug Webb, Joni Welch, Naomi Yost.

On November 6 at the Frederic blood drive, there were 15 donors. First time donor was Ken Bindschatel and gallon pins were issued as follows: Two gallons - Jeffrey Golnick; Three gallons - Carole Batway; Five gallons - Charles Batway and Robert Fitzpatrick.

Unable to attend any of the three local November blood drives, Joseph Rosenek donated in Mio and received his 14 gallon pin.

Boating safety class offers more than just the basics

Are you looking for a boating safety class that offers more than the bare bones information? Do you want some real boating knowledge with that certificate? The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Skills and Seamanship class could be what you are looking for.

The class will be starting on January 20, 2004 and will meet every Tuesday for 10 weeks, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., at Roscommon High School.

Topics to be covered include:

Boating Laws; Rules of the Road; Boat Handling; Weather, Wind and Waves; Marine Engines and Systems; Lines and Knots; Basic Navigation; Emergency Procedures; Radio and Communications; Storing and Protecting Your Boat.

The total cost is \$25 for text and materials. Class size is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register, call Don Warren at 821-9553 or Frank Homola at 821-7833.

Library's Story Hour to resume in February

There will be no Story Hour held at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in Grayling throughout the month of January.

Library Director Edward Elsner said Story Hour will return at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 5 and those who have not registered yet this school year may do so at any time.

To register, stop by the library at 201 Plum Street and fill out a registration form; however no advanced registration is necessary.

Elsner said children and their

parents can look for more "exciting" after-school programs starting in February. "We at the library appreciate everyone who attended and enjoyed the Christmas craft making, the Legos program, and the American Girl Doll craft programs during this past fall," he said. "We love seeing you at the library."

For more information about Story Hour or any other library program or service at any branch of the Crawford County Library call (989) 348-9214 or e-mail CrawfordCoLib@lycos.com.

Tri-Lakes elects officers

The Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association has elected new officers for 2004.

Elected officers for 2004 are: President and State Director - Morry McLain, Vice President - Ron Pellegrino, Secretary - Mike Walker, Treasurer and National Director - Jim Braid, Alternate National Director - Dick Martin, State Directors - Tom Baese and Tom Barber, and Alternate State Directors - Bob Bratebeck and Joe Pacella.

In the coming year, watch for these events: 15th Annual Home Show - April 24-25 which pro-

vides \$3,000 in scholarships to area schools; and the 2nd Annual Builder's Expo.

RAFFLE WINNERS

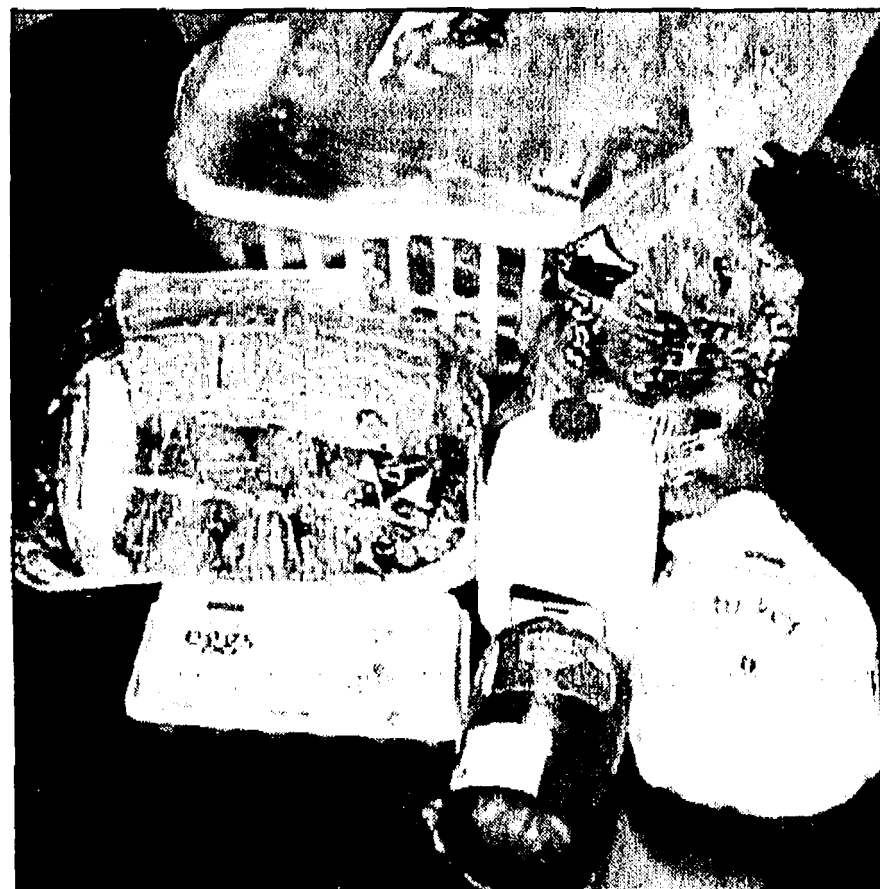
Grayling Youth Booster Club
Week ending December 28 - winners of \$25 each: Arvilla Pepsin, Harry Love, Steve Brinks, Ellen Thompson.
Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13
Week #10 winner of \$100: Tike Golnick of Grayling.

Cops take kids shopping



Photos courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

(Above) Capt. Art Clough helps a youngster do a little Christmas shopping December 23 at the local K-Mart store. Fifteen local "at risk" kids participated in the Cops for Kids program this year, with the help of Sheriff's Deputies and other personnel. Shopping and a meal at Pizza Hut were paid for with some of the proceeds from Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association's Christmas tree sale. The children's families received a holiday food basket courtesy of the Grayling Eagles Ladies Auxillary.



Think spring with upcoming natural landscape seminar

In the depths of northern Michigan winter, it's great to "think spring" but not about all that lawn mowing and weeding to come.

The Sunrise Side Master Gardeners Association has a mid-winter lift and a different approach to landscaping. A three-hour seminar on Natural Landscape with landscape designer and *Detroit News* garden columnist, Janet Macunovich, is scheduled for Saturday, January 10 and is open to the public.

The guest speaker is also the author of *Designing Your Garden and Landscape*, *Caring for Perennials* and *Successful Perennial Gardening*.

Macunovich said she will discuss ground covers, perennials, shrubs and trees. The challenge in northern Michigan, she said, "is establishing a landscape so it can co-exist with the entire ecosystem," and thwarting animals which dig the roots and/or graze on the branches and foliage.

Macunovich is familiar with northern Michigan challenges. She and her husband have family in the Upper Peninsula and northwestern Lower Peninsula. "When we get past Saginaw-Bay City, we start feeling better. You can see the air color change," she said.

"Natural Landscape" is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, January 10 at the Whitney Township Hall, 1515 North Huron Road (US-23), approximately 10 miles south of Tawas City. An alternative date of January 11 is scheduled in the event of snow.

Early registration is \$10; after January 2, the fee increases to \$15. (Editor's note: this information was received December 23, after deadline for the

December 25 edition. We apologize for the short notice.)

To register, call the Iosco County Michigan State University Extension (MSU-E) Office at (989) 362-3449 or 1-800-792-7404 for a registration form, or register at the MSU Extension Office, located in the Iosco County Annex, on US-23 in Tawas City.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

TOE-JOINT DISORDERS

The first metatarsophalangeal joint (1st MTP), located at the base of the big toe, is the most complex joint in the foot. Because bones, tendons, and ligaments work to support the body's weight at the 1st MTP joint, it is especially susceptible to stress, trauma, and deformities. Bunions are the most common problem associated with the 1st MTP joint. They typically develop when abnormal biomechanics stress the joint. Other causes of disorders include repetitive stress on the area from playing tennis, basketball, racquetball, or golf. Left untreated, stress can lead to arthritis, which can hinder mobility and cause pain and stiffness. If you develop pain at the 1st MTP joint with no evidence of a

bunion, consult a podiatrist. Do you have a toe problem or another foot concern? Don't hide behind these five dangerous words - maybe it will go away. Feet are vulnerable and prone to complaints, and most problems don't just appear on their own. Your podiatrist can treat them effectively, however, with medication, surgery, or other, less invasive procedures such as exercise or orthotics. Don't take your feet for granted. Call us at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. We're located at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WEEKDAY SCHEDULED SERVICES TO:

FREDERIC & MAPLE FOREST

Leaves Grayling	5:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

LOVELLS

Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 WEST

Demand Response Service
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BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

Leaves Grayling	7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.
To Request Weekday Demand Response Services
Call Dispatch @ 348-5409.

RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS

Transportation dependent individuals requiring transportation for the purpose of accessing specially medical services not locally available may qualify for RHI medical transportation services.

Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting:

Dave Frederick @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS**:

Scheduled For January 2004

Trip #1

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2003
Destination, Victoria's Casino-Petoskey

Departs Grayling 9:00 a.m.

Arrives back in Grayling 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

**Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning Special Event Trips
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-5409

New Year's Eve Celebration

Crawford Station Restaurant

New Year's Eve Smorgasbord

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

GRAND BUFFET

Carved Prime Rib of Beef
Breaded Shrimp
Southwestern Style Chicken Tetrazzini in Cajun Cream Sauce
Sliced Roast Pork Loin in a Fruit Chutney
Beef Short Ribs in a Dijon Mustard Glaze
Stuffed Trout with Seafood and Cream Sauce
Seasoned Whipped Red Skin Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Medley of Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Carrots

\$19.95 Adult
\$10.95 under 12
\$16.95 Senior
\$1.00 per age
8 & under

Each Selection is a per person price, tax and gratuity is not included in the price. 15% gratuity will be added to guest checks for groups of 10 or more.

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Peel & Eat Shrimp
Chilled Fruit Bowl
Assorted Relishes
Raw Oysters and Mussels

2650 I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738

989-348-7611 or
800-292-9055

The Bible Speaks

Happy New Year

We joyfully begin our 33rd year of ministry at Calvary Baptist Church of Grayling. We wish to express our gratitude to all our readers. We hope and pray that you will have a very blessed New Year.

Recently I read a shocking survey by the Barna Research Group which found that only 4% of Americans hold a biblical worldview which influences their moral decisions. Even more shocking, they discovered that only 9% of those who call themselves born-again Christians have a biblical worldview.

You may be wondering what they considered to be a biblical worldview for their research: "a biblical worldview was defined as believing that absolute moral truths exist; that such truth is defined by the Bible; and firm belief in six specific religious views. Those views were that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life; God is the all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe and He still rules it today; salvation is a gift from God and cannot be earned; Satan is real; a Christian has a responsibility to share their faith in Christ with other people; and the Bible is accurate in all of its teachings."

The definition they used to identify born-again Christians was also very simple: They listed only those who said they have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important in their life today and believe that when they die they will go to Heaven because they have confessed their sins and have

accepted Jesus Christ as their savior.

The above survey illustrates the reason we have been motivated to publicly print The Bible Speaks column from Calvary Baptist Church in Grayling these many years. We have tried to write on current issues from a Christian World and Life view. We want people to know that the Bible is just as true and relevant today as it was when God revealed it. We believe faith in God's Word should permeate every aspect of our daily thinking and actions. If you agree, then this column has not been in vain.

We still believe the message the apostle Paul gave to young Titus in Titus 2:11-15: "11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. 15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."

As Paul also reminded Titus in Titus 3:5-8: "5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly

through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." May we challenge you this New Year to rededicate your heart and life to Jesus Christ? It is the most important New Year's resolution you can make. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Send name, address, and age to
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Call (989) 348-8356 or 348-9220

School staff celebrates holidays with seniors

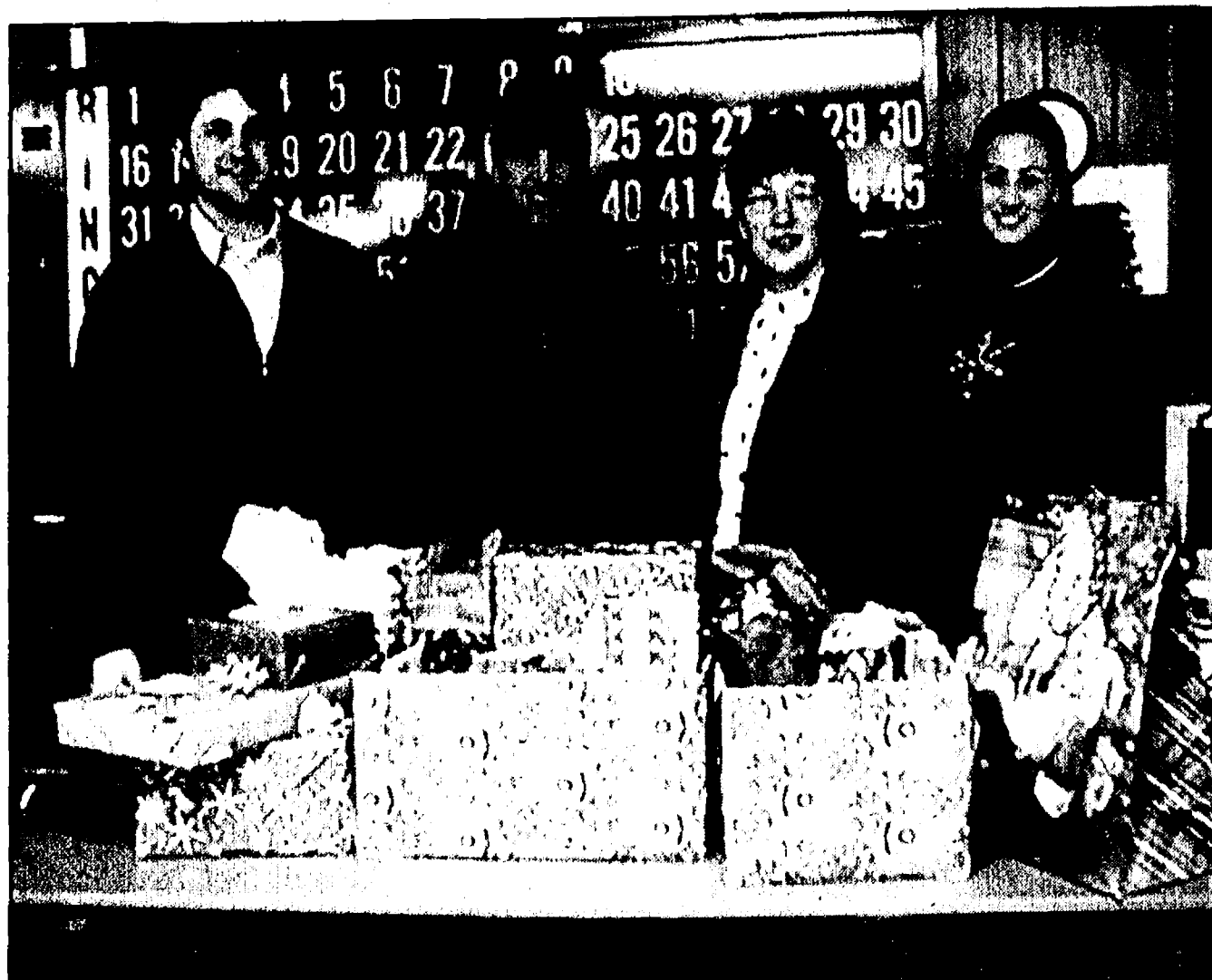


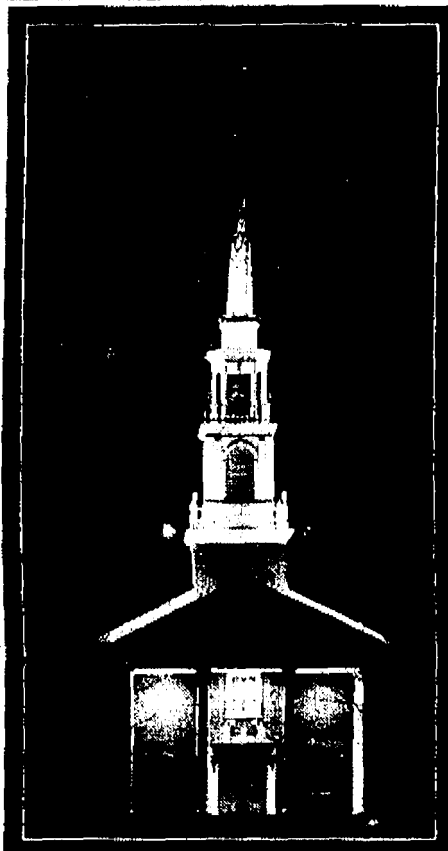
Photo courtesy of the GMS Combo Team

The Grayling Middle School (GMS) staff helped residents of AuSagra Acres celebrate the holidays by donating 45 gifts, which were delivered December 18 by members of the GMS Combo Team, who organize the Giving Tree each year. Members shown are: Jeff Pahssen, Brad Wagner, Michelle Compo, Chris Burrell.

In many cities nationwide, there exist havens for the hungry...shelters providing nourishing meals for those, who for various reasons, are unable to nourish themselves.

Those who receive the gift of a meal at a shelter may have recently been more than self-sufficient. Life is not always fair. Ultimately, are we not all kindred souls, in search of the meaning and manna to strengthen us as we travel unpredictable paths?

Then how wonderful there is another haven...a shelter for hungry spirits where all are welcomed and encouraged! God has promised us in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." As the New Year begins, visit our Father's sanctuary and experience the sustenance only He can provide.



A Haven for the Hungry

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
John 1:19-24	John 1:25-31	John 2:1-12	John 3:1-16	John 4:1-14	John 5:1-15	John 6:1-15

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Christian Science Society
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Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor Jeffrey Jaggers
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Website: www.mmm-umc.org
Barrier Free
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School
Sept. - May
Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 11 am
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)
Bible Study (Wed) 10:30 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
Camp AuSable off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Church Service
Saturday 9:30 am
Sabbath School
Saturday 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 7 pm

Lorelei Chapel
Pastor Rev. Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 am
Chapel Service 11 am
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7-8 pm

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Daniel Baldernann - Associate Pastor
6652 (M-72 W.) • 348-9093
or 348-5362
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
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Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
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Sunday School 9:45 am
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Wednesday 7 pm

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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday
Worship 10 am

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
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Neuberger tops in geography bee



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In December, all Grayling Middle School (GMS) students participated in the National Geography Bee during homeroom. Winners advanced to the semi-finals where six students were selected to compete in the final competition. During the finals, Zack Rasmusson (right) finished in second place. The 2003-04 GMS Geography Bee champion is Ethan Neuberger (left), who will advance to the next round through a written test in January.

Wejrowski, Page to marry



Eric Page and Jennifer Wejrowski

Jennifer Elizabeth Wejrowski, of Lansing, and Eric William Page, also of Lansing, have announced they are engaged to be married.

Jennifer, the daughter of Maureen and Jerry Hayes, and John Wejrowski, all of Grayling, is a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School. She is also a 2000 graduate of Central Michigan University, with a degree in Business Management.

She is currently employed as a manager for Marshall Field's in

Okemos.

Eric, the son of Margaret Page of St. Clair Shores, and Jeff Page, of Corona, CA, is a 1995 graduate of St. Clair Shores High School. He is also a 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University, with a degree in Secondary Education.

Eric teaches biology and chemistry at Portland High School and coaches varsity football at Charlotte High School.

The couple plans a July 10, 2004 wedding in East Lansing.

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MILITARY NEWS



Photo courtesy of Camp Grayling

Master Sergeant Michael L. Palmer (center) receives a U.S. Army Commendation Medal and citation from Col. Dennis D. Hull (left), Camp Grayling Commander and Lt. Col. Dave Wesoloski (right), Chief of Logistics at Camp Grayling.

Master Sergeant Michael L. Palmer, of Grayling, a former member of the Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center, recently was awarded the U.S. Army Commendation Medal.

Palmer was submitted for this award for his service to Camp Grayling as a Sergeant First Class before accepting a new assignment and promotion.

His citation reads, "For distinguishing himself through meritorious service to the Maintenance Section of the Logistics Support Center, Camp Grayling, Michigan, SFC Palmer's outstanding leadership, can-do attitude and customer focus was instrumental to Camp Grayling's overall mission success."

"SFC Palmer is always willing to go the extra mile. His commitment to excellence and dedication to duty ensured outstanding service."

ing to go the extra mile. His commitment to excellence and dedication to duty ensured outstanding service.

"SFC Palmer's exemplary performance reflects great credit upon himself, Camp Grayling and the Michigan Army National Guard."

Palmer has been promoted to Master Sergeant since his nomination for the medal.

83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for November 2003

Hon. John G. Hunter

Gary Richard Dipzinski, age 62 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$915 fines/costs or 91 days in jail, five days in jail with credit for one day served, placed on 182 days probation.

Lori Ann Ellis, age 18 of Grayling - Impaired Driving; \$435 fines/costs or 43 days in jail.

Lawrence Eugene McNally, age 44 of Boyne Falls - Violation of the Basic Speed Law; \$115 fines/costs.

Bruce Edward Dowdall, age 42 of Frederic - Impaired Driving; \$895 fines/costs or 89 days in jail.

Kevin Michael O'Connor, age 49 of Grayling - Impaired Driving; \$435 fines/costs or 43 days in jail.

Lance Kenneth Royston, age 20 of Grayling - Minor - Possess/Transport in a Motor Vehicle; \$530 fines/costs or 37 days in jail, placed on 182 days probation.

Luann Brehmer, age 33 of Grayling - Drove Suspended - 2nd Offense; \$196 fines/costs or 19 days in jail.

Robert Leo Hollis, age 39 of Grayling - Controlled Substance - Possession of Marijuana; \$1,006 fines/costs or 100 days in jail.

Tara Ann McGraw, age 23 of Grayling - Operate without Security; \$346 fines/costs or 34 days in jail.

Michael Clayton Bailey, age 19 of Roscommon - Operate without Security, Improper Use of License Plate, and License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed Suspended Person to Operate;

\$1,042 fines/costs.

Benjamin Cole Harrison, age 20 of Traverse City - Improper Use of License Plate; \$115 fines/costs.

Magistrate Jean Callewaert

Harlie Gurganus, age 66 of Trenton - Take Deer Out of Season; \$470 fines/costs, \$1,000 restitution, and five days in jail.

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during January 1 - 6 is as follows:

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, mission-firing requirements beyond this time may be authorized by the Post Commander without additional notice to the public. The firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the area closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 64 complaints the week of December 22-28:

Twenty-one traffic accidents, two non-traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident - all other, one motor vehicle VIN inspection, two civil matter disputes - family trouble, six suspicious situations, one lost and found property, eight general non-criminal, one delinquent minors, four burglary/home invasion, one larceny, one motor vehicle theft, two damage to property, two public peace/disorderly, two OUIL/UBAL, one health and safety, seven driving violations/DWLS, etc.

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

OBITUARIES

Agnes N. McCredie
Nov. 28, 1909 - Dec. 26, 2003
Agnes N. McCredie, age 94, of Roscommon, died Friday December 26 at her home.

She was born on November 28, 1909 in Chicago, Illinois to Joseph and Mary (Margreiter) Wagner. Until she was nine years old, Agnes lived in Chicago. In 1918, she moved to Eldorado and in 1931, she moved to Roscommon.

Agnes married Everett McCredie on September 21, 1931 in Roscommon.

She owned and operated the Village Shop in Roscommon for 17 1/2 years. With her husband Everett, she co-owned and operated McCredie's Grocery from 1931-1951, the Sunoco Gas Station at Lake and Fifth Street from 1951-1954 and owned the gas station until it was closed in 1986. The property was sold in 1992.

Agnes was a member of the First Congregational Church, First Congregational Church Women's Fellowship, Kirtland Garden Club, Roscommon Area Historical Society, The Fearsome Foresome and the Loose Literary Club.

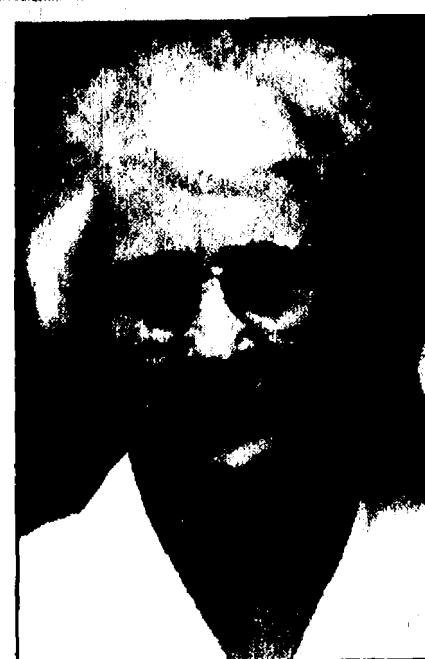
Agnes is survived by her sister Ann Macken of Naples, FL; brother George Wagner of Bay City, (who died December 27, 2003); grandchildren Julie (Rusty) Gates of Grayling, Janet (Arnie) Renkiewicz of Gaylord, and James D. McCredie of Lovells; daughter-in-law Gale Minard of Lovells; dear step-daughter Nancy (Hugh) Grove of Conifer, CO; step-daughter Kathryn (Will) Zemla of Elsie; step-son John Elliott; great grandchildren Misty and Christopher Burden and Kari, Sarah, Tyler and Tanner Renkiewicz; great great grandchildren Victoria Doster, Chase Jones and Bréonna Wilson; dear and longest friend Mary Loughray; very dear and special friends Buddy Mansell, Jim and Carol Garlo and many more dear friends. Also survived by many dear nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Everett McCredie; son Anthony McCredie; sisters Hannah Shepard and Cecelia Wagner; brothers Andrew and Joseph Wagner.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 29, 2003 at the First Congregational Church, Roscommon. Reverend James Beinke officiated at the service. Burial will be at Roscommon Village Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church, Roscommon Area Historical Society, or Mercy Amicare Hospice.

Arrangements by: Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.



Hyrtl Cairns "Pat" Feeman
Dec. 8, 1902 - Dec. 27, 2003

Hyrtl Cairns "Pat" Feeman, age 101, died Saturday, December 27, 2003 at Chelsea Retirement Community in Chelsea.

He was born December 8, 1902 in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of Harlan Luther and Annie (Cairns) Feeman.

On December 29, 1928, "Pat" married Catherine A. Rogers in Russell, KY. She preceded him in death on January 11, 2000.

Mr. Feeman was a resident of Chelsea since July 25, 1996. He coached and taught at Leslie High School, Rogers City High School, and Lansing Eastern High School. Pat was the Principal of Walter French High School for 20 years, until his retirement in 1965.

He served as President of the Lansing Teachers Club, Lansing Retired School Employees (GLARSP), and the State Principals Association (MASS).

Hyrtl and Catherine Feeman helped start the summer church which became Bear Lake Christian Church. He served on the official board of the Bear Lake Christian Church, Main Street Methodist Church, Michigan Avenue Methodist Church, and Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

He served as President of the Lansing Methodist Union, President of Adrian College Alumni Association, President of Adrian College Board of Trustees, and was one of the organizers of the Florida Adrian College Alumni Association.

Mr. Feeman was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Education from Adrian College.

Hyrtl was Vice President of the Lansing Parks and Cemetery Board, Director of Summer Playgrounds for five years, and Supervisor of all Board of Education Summer Playgrounds in the 6th year.

He was active in the Lansing Civic Players Guild; was on the staff of Wolverine Boys State for 20 years (Dean of Counselors last three years); Program Director of Mystic Lake YMCA Camp; Director of the Boys, Camp Wawatam; Counselor at Camp Hasa Witka; and served on the Board of Camp Highfields for Boys.

Mr. Feeman also served as President of the Bear Lake Improvement Association and was organizer of the Sylvan Glades Association.

His survivors include one daughter, Martha Anne Riley of Howell; one son, Harlan Roger (Carolyn) Feeman of St. Johns; four granddaughters, Lark Lee Riley Samouelian, Ann Riley Pappas, Julie Feeman (Brad) Winsor, and Catherine Feeman (Robert) Fick; 10 great-grandchildren; two nephews, Dr. Hobart Rogers of NC, and William Rogers Jr. of Lansing; a niece, Sylvia VanHouten of Middleburgh, NY; and a special friend, Dorothy Yeoman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine; and his sister, Margaret Brown.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, December 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Adrian.

Memorial contributions may be made to Adrian College, Bear Lake Christian Church, or Chelsea Retirement Community.

Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

Card of Thanks

We would like to say thank you to all of our family and friends for all the cards, kind words and prayers during the recent loss of our father and grandfather, Glen E. Terry. It is comforting to know so many people were thinking of us.

Bob, Pam, Shannon and Nick Terry

Alice June Hartwig
June 19, 1923 - Dec. 25, 2003

Alice June Hartwig, age 80, of K. P. Lake, died Thursday, December 25 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

She was born on June 19, 1923 in Kewanee, Illinois, to Harold John and Mabel Elizabeth (Rheault) Kitto.

The former Alice June Kitto married Robert J. Hartwig on June 20, 1949.

Alice was a resident of K.P. Lake since 1974. She was a retired school teacher from the Flint Public Schools. Her previous residence was in Flint. She attended Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Alice was active in church and the community. She was an artist, musician and an antique collector. Alice was also an avid reader, and enjoyed traveling. Family and friends, and God were June's passion.

She is survived by husband Robert J. Hartwig; daughter Susan (Doug) Wolfe of Marquette; sons Jon Hartwig of Fenton, Rick Hartwig of K. P. Lake; grandchildren Rebecca, Ryan, Amy, Sarah and Debbie; great grandchildren Kayla and Whitney; and many nieces and nephews.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother Dr. Jack Kitto.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday December 30, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Reverend Jeffrey Jagers officiated at the service.

The family requests memorials be made to the Richard E. Hartwig Trust Fund.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Ilene Hatfield

December 29, 2003

Mrs. Ilene Hatfield passed away at home on Monday, December 29, 2003.

For funeral arrangement information, call Sorenson Funeral Home in Grayling at (989) 348-2951.

A full obituary will appear in next week's edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Fireman William J. Hartig and his fellow sailors welcomed Maj. Gen. Graham Lamb aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise in the Arabian Gulf on November 27, 2003.

Lamb, 3rd United Kingdom Division Commander and head of coalition forces in southeast Iraq, visited the Enterprise to discuss cooperation between U.S. and coalition forces and to get a first-hand look at carrier

operations.

The USS Enterprise's homeport is Norfolk, VA.

Lamb commended Hartig along with the 5,000 other sailors aboard the Enterprise for providing much needed support to ground troops in Iraq.

Carriers like the USS Enterprise are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Hartig's ship provides close air support to ground units in Iraq as part of the Navy's 5th Fleet.

Hartig is the son of William E. and Tina Hartig, of Grayling, and a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School. He joined the Navy in August 2002.

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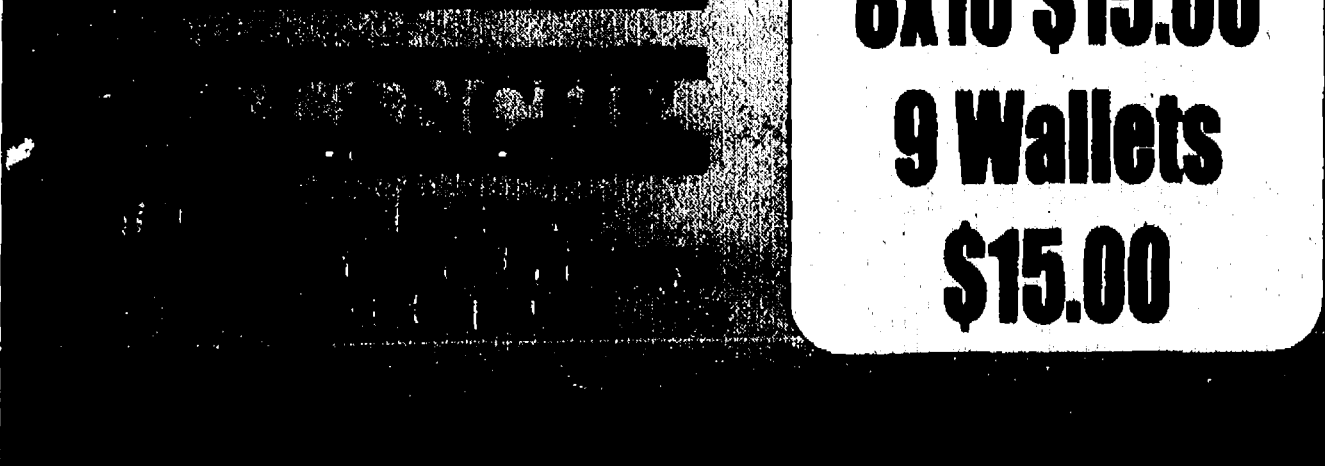
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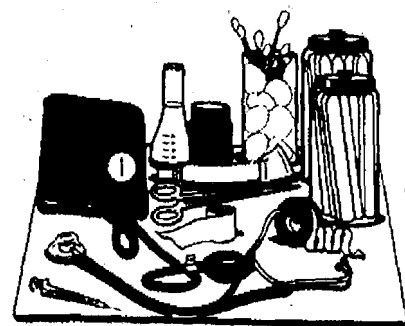
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Study addresses parents' rising vaccine concerns



The doctors who treat America's children are hearing more and more concerns from their parents about vaccines, and occasionally encountering parents who refuse some or all recommended vaccines for their children, according to a newly published study by University of Michigan (U-M) researchers.

Many of the concerns heard by the nearly 750 pediatricians and family practice physicians surveyed for the study were about known, short-term effects from vaccines, such as pain and fever.

But many others were about unproven, or disproved, allegations that vaccines can cause everything from autism to diabetes, according to results published in the January issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. The survey was performed in the year 2000, and funded by the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

And that, said lead researcher Gary Freed, MD, MPH, means that children's doctors need to be understanding of parents' concerns, equipped with the latest information on vaccine safety, and ready to react to vaccination concerns or refusals.

As the "front lines" in the nation's vaccine delivery system, Freed said, physicians and other children's health providers need to help parents understand the benefits of vaccination, the state of knowledge on vaccine safety concerns, and the individual and societal risks of leaving their children unvaccinated.

"Physicians are in a unique position to both quantify parental concerns about vaccine safety, and provide information on the impact of those concerns on their decision-making as parents," said

Freed, the director of the Division of General Pediatrics at the U-M Health System and the Percy and Mary Murphy Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health Delivery at the U-M Medical School. "All of us must be sensitive to parents' concerns, and well prepared to respond to them."

Freed and his colleagues in the Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit surveyed a random national sample of pediatricians and family physicians. Of the 743 who responded to the survey, the number of physicians reporting that at least one parent had refused a vaccination for his or her child in the last year was large: 93 percent of pediatricians and 60 percent of family physicians.

Pediatricians were about twice as likely as family physicians to say that refusals had been rising. Conversely, family physicians were more likely than pediatricians to say that refusals were falling.

When it came to concerns expressed by parents before they allowed their children to receive a vaccine, more than two-thirds of all the physicians — 69 percent — felt that the number of concerns had increased substantially over the past year.

Concerns about long-term serious complications were most likely to be cited by the physicians as being on the rise, with about 28 percent saying they had heard more of such concerns in the last year. Nineteen percent said immune system effects was the most common area of concern that was on the rise, while 16 percent said the concern they heard most and were hearing more often was from parents who wondered how much children really needed all the vaccines recommended by the CDC.

When asked about the frequency with which parents expressed concerns about known vaccine effects and unproven effects, about one-third of all the physicians said they sometimes or often heard concerns about the kinds of effects listed on the

CDC's Vaccine Information Statements (VIS), such as pain and fever. But a roughly equal proportion of all physicians said they sometimes or often hear parental concerns about effects that aren't on the VISs and haven't been shown to be linked to vaccines.

Pediatricians were more likely than family physicians to report that parents sometimes or often voiced concerns about effects listed on the VIS, as well as unsubstantiated risks of neurologic effects such as autism and sudden infant death syndrome. There was no difference between the two groups in frequency of concerns they heard about chronic diseases (asthma, diabetes) allegedly linked to vaccination.

Freed said the upward trend in parents' vaccine concerns has been suspected for years, as the news media, Internet sites, word-of-mouth, and other mechanisms have spread allegations of serious unreported health effects from vaccines, including theories about vaccine preservatives and multiple-disease-preventing vaccines. But the new study quantifies the level to which those concerns are being expressed to physicians — and shows how those physicians reacted to the concerns and refusals.

"Many of the worries that parents are voicing are addressed by the Vaccine Information Statements, and we found that the vast majority of physicians surveyed had those documents on hand to give to parents at the time of vaccination," said Freed. "But many other issues raised by parents aren't covered in a VIS, because there's no solid evidence linking them with vaccines. These concerns, which often involve fears of more serious health risks than the risks described in the VIS, are what we always need to be ready to respond to."

For parents who act on their concern by refusing to allow one or more vaccines to be given to their children, Freed notes that physician reaction varied in the survey data. Ninety percent of the physicians who encountered

a single refusal said they noted it on the child's chart, and 19 percent said they required a parent to sign a record of their refusal — a proportion that rose to 27 percent when all vaccines were refused.

Seventy-three percent of physicians encountering a parent who refused a single vaccine would discuss the vaccine again with the parent at a later visit, and an equal number said they provided additional information to the parent. The proportions were lower when the physicians were asked what they did for parents who refused all vaccines for their children.

"In all, we see that physicians are hearing both concerns and vaccination refusals on an increasing basis, but that they're trying to be sensitive by offering additional information," said Freed. "This kind of responsiveness needs to increase, especially when it comes to unsubstantiated and rumored risks, if we are to continue to be able to protect children from these vaccine-preventable diseases."

Freed's co-authors were Sarah J. Clark, MPH, Beth E. Hibbs, RN, MPH, and Jeanne Santoli, MD, MPH.

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Henderlong is Spiritual Care Coordinator at Mercy Hospital Grayling. Recently, she helped plan a two-day workshop for 17 hospital staff and community members called "Respecting Choices - Advance Care Planning." Workshop participants were introduced to the skills needed to help people think about and make specific plans for their future medical care.

"Planning for future medical care is just as important as planning for your children's education, and it should be just as natural as that," Henderlong said.

The workshop, the first of its kind in the Grayling area, was led by national Respecting Choices instructor Jane Dinnen, RN, who is also coordinator of Advanced Care Planning for Munson Healthcare; Dr. Don Fraser, Medical Director of Advanced Care Planning at Munson Medical Center; and Dr. Barb Supanich, RSM, a teaching physician at Munson Medical Center.

The three focused on the legal, ethical, and communication processes involved in discussing and completing written advance care directives. An advance care directive is simply a document that outlines the kind of health care you would want if you were unable to communicate those

wishes yourself. It also allows you to name the person you want to speak on your behalf.

Henderlong said the facilitators' training was well received and she congratulated the staff and community members who spent two full days completing the course. Participants included nurses from various hospital units and nursing homes, staff from home care agencies, hospice workers and are ministers.

The two-day course will be offered again. Respecting Choices was developed by Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

In the coming months, facilitators will be available to provide 15-minute informational sessions to any community group that would like to learn about advance care directives, Henderlong said. Those sessions

will focus on the importance of holding family discussions that lead to written directives.

Henderlong said recent publicity about the Terri Schiavo case in Florida -- the woman whose parents and husband are locked in a legal battle about honoring her wishes -- prompted two Grayling people to come in and review their advance directives.

"They wanted to make certain that the wording in their directives was absolutely clear so that there would be no question about what they want," she explained.

The issue has also prompted interesting discussion among young and old alike.

Fran Hanson, an 83-year old volunteer at the hospital, said she has not yet completed an advance care directive, but she intends to very soon. "I think everyone should have one," Hanson said. "I've been putting it off too long.

God may take your hand at any time."

Shalee Cox is only 19 and works as a customer access representative at Mercy Hospital Grayling. Part of her job when registering patients is to ask if they have an advance directive. Cox said even at her age, she sees the benefit.

"We always plan for the things we know are going to happen. But on any day, anything unexpected could happen and those are really big decisions for your family members to make," she said. "You can spare them the pain of making some very difficult choices by outlining what you want."

For more information about advance care directives, or to schedule an informational session for your community group, call Henderlong at (989) 348-0470.

OMH Medicare clinic welcomes new physician assistant



Renee Mesack, P.A.-C

Dr. Weisberger, Karen Matron and the MedCare Walk-In Clinic staff welcome Renee Mesack, P.A.-C. to the OMH Medical Group. Mesack is a Clinical Physician Assistant at the MedCare Walk-In Clinic.

"I always knew I belonged in

the health field," said Mesack. "I love working with people, and after working in psychology for years, I knew I wanted to work with both the physical and psychological sides of health."

"I am excited about providing comprehensive and compassionate care to our residents. I was looking to work for longevity and heard nothing but positive statements about OMH. I knew this was where I needed to work."

Mesack received her degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy in Detroit.

"My family brought me back to northern Michigan, after living in Alaska for five years," said Mesack. "I had fond memories up here, and I knew it was the best place to raise my children."

Otsego Memorial Hospital's MedCare Clinic is located at 1996 Walden Drive, Gaylord. The MedCare Walk-In Clinic is

open seven days a week to care for minor illnesses and injuries. Anyone unable to see their family doctor, and an Emergency Room visit is not required, the healthcare providers at MedCare are standing by.

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Realtors continue with 2003 record pace

Michigan realtors continue to keep on pace for a record 2003, posting impressive residential sales statistics for October, according to the Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR).

The average price for residential sales for the month of October is \$145,106, compared to the 2002 average price of \$137,959. This makes for a 5.2 percent increase for 2003. Year-to-date (YTD) residential sales statistics show a 5 percent increase in the overall sales for the year and the average price of sales. In October, realtors sold 108,575 units, a 4.8 percent increase over the 103,583 units sold in 2002.

"Numbers like these help to make the industry more stable and encouraging for the upcoming year," said MAR President Joe Banyai, SIOR, CCIM. "Everyone feels the uplift and it's great to have these numbers at the closing of the year."

The southwest area of Michigan saw the greatest increase in the number of residential units sold sales with a 22 percent increase in sales from October 2003. Other areas of the state that reported an increase were the south (20 percent) and northeast Michigan (18 percent) areas.

More than 80 percent of the state saw an increase in average prices, while areas such as the northern and northwest regions saw a dramatic jump in year-to-date sales with a 22 percent and 13.4 percent increase, respectively. These sales gave them a 5.6 percent increase from 2002 October YTD sales of 14,266 units.

October sales data is the latest information available for 2003.

Preschoolers share gift of reading



Photo courtesy of Shelly Reaume

Students at the Grayling Co-Op Preschool did their share to help with the local Toys for Tots drive by collecting and donating new books for the 2003 campaign.

Pesticides, fertilizers need proper winter storage

After all the lawn and garden supplies are stored for the winter, there is one more crucial job to be done – that is the organization and proper storage of unused pesticides.

Proper storage of pesticides and fertilizers is important not only to protect the health of the homeowner and their family, but also in protecting the environment and the quality of the chemicals themselves.

Freezing of liquid pesticides and fertilizers can cause separation of the active ingredients from solvents and emulsifiers. Complete deactivation of the emulsifier (the chemical that stabilizes the active ingredients in the solution) is also possible. This may lead to crystallization or coagulation of the solution, thus causing possible plugging of the spray equipment and poor product performance.

Freezing may also cause ruptures in containers leading to

chemical spills and possible contamination of our groundwater supplies.

How can you prevent this? Following a few simple recommendations can help prevent freezing and protect your health and the safety of the environment.

- Read the label. This is the simplest and most important thing you can do.

- Always be sure to provide proper ventilation in your storage area as well. This is important in preventing volatile chemicals from contaminating other materials in storage.

- Keep flammable liquids separate from living areas and away from ignition sources.

- Avoid dampness which reduces the shelf life of many chemicals and can cause deterioration of containers.

- Avoid temperature extremes to prevent freezing which can alter the chemical quality of li-

quid products, reducing their effectiveness and also extreme heat which can increase the volatility of chemicals.

- Pesticides and fertilizers should be stored off the floor to prevent contamination if flooding should occur due to heavy rains or spring snowmelt.

- Always keep a spill kit handy near your storage area in case of emergencies. At a minimum, this kit should include rubber gloves, goggles, absorbents such as kitty litter or paper towels, plastic broom and dustpan, and a sealed container to dispose of the used clean-up materials.

For more information on the proper storage of pesticides and fertilizers, contact Michelle Hill with the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program serving Crawford, Wexford, Missaukee, and Roscommon counties at (231) 839-7193 or by e-mail at: michelle-hill@mi.nacnet.org.

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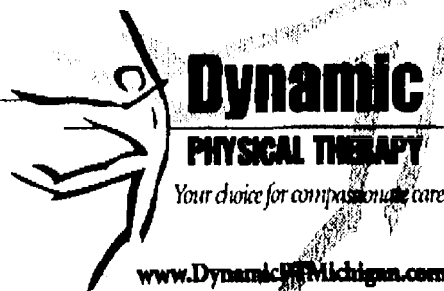
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The 2003-04 GHS varsity boys basketball team: (front, left to right) Josh Millikin, Matt Swope, Derek Johnston, Andy Strohpaul, Chad Helsel, Bobby Starks, Gibson Tobin; (back, left to right) Coach Rich Moffit, Joe Zelek, Roy Czapek, Joe Lange, Josh Hinkle, Greg Morrill, Travis Helsel, Russ Peters, Coach Butch Hayes.

Vikes win high-scoring game 95-91

Varsity team moves to 1-0 in Lake Michigan Conference

In a high-scoring varsity boys basketball game at Harbor Springs on Friday, December 19, the Grayling Vikings defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 95-91 with a strong fourth quarter.

Grayling led 19-18 after one quarter and trailed 45-43 at half-time. The Rams had a 66-62 advantage going into the fourth period, but the Vikings poured in 33 points (to Harbor's 25) in the fourth quarter to win the game by four, 95-91.

"A great game to watch," Coach Rich Moffit said. "This was a run and gun game that came down to the final minute of play. I am proud of the fact that our kids faced adversity throughout this game, yet had the character to keep coming back and make some key plays down the stretch."

"We did a very good job of distributing the ball to the open player throughout the game. On the negative side of the coin, we need to improve our ability to

defend the three ball — Harbor hit for 11 three-pointers," Coach Moffit said.

Five Vikings reached double digits in scoring. Roy Czapek finished with a game-high 30 points for Grayling. Joe Lange, in his season debut (he missed the first two games due to injury), scored 22. Gibson Tobin scored 17 (including an 8 for 8 performance at the free throw line), Josh Hinkle added 12, and Travis Helsel had 10. Andy Strohpaul and Chad Helsel also scored for the Vikings.

The win over Harbor Springs improved Grayling's season record to 2-1. The victory put Grayling's league record at 1-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Vikings are averaging 89.3

points per game in three contests so far this year.

The GHS junior varsity squad fell to 2-1 on the season with a 76-55 loss at Harbor Springs.

"Defensively we were not very intense," Coach Butch Hayes said. "We need to work harder. Offensively, we did not attack enough."

Zac Baker had a team-high 16 points for Grayling. Ryan Feldhauser scored 12, and Reagan Schmidt added 10. Ron Johnston, Eli VanNuck, Jim Boylan, Mike Boylan, and Zeke Hayes also scored for the JV Vikings.

Grayling will host a triple-header vs. Kalkaska on Friday, January 9. The freshman game starts at 4:15 p.m. and the JV and varsity contests will follow.

GHS wrestlers win two at Tawas

Vikings defeat Houghton Lake, Tawas in dual wrestling meet

Grayling High School's wrestling team defeated both of its opponents in a dual meet at Tawas on December 18.

The Vikings beat Houghton Lake 48-28 and outscored Tawas 66-18.

Seven GHS wrestlers won both of their matches at the Tawas/Houghton Lake meet: Krystal Babbitt (103), Josh Partello (112), Adam Malone (140), Joel Wilson (152), Darryl Babbitt (160), Dusty Partello

(171), and Brandon Pratt (189). Jeff Bancroft (130), Corey Metzger (135), Troy Wilson (145), Aaron Roscerans (215), and Don Starks (heavyweight) also won matches for Grayling.

The Vikings will wrestle Roscommon and Gaylord at Roscommon on Thursday, January 8, at 6 p.m.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

BATTLE CREEK — Forward Tony Watkins scored 18 points, hauled down 15 rebounds and dished out 5 assists to power Kirtland to a 104-80 victory Saturday over Kellogg and raise the Firebirds' record to 9-1.

Watkins led five players in double figures for Kirtland. Terrance Coker had 17, Frank Washington had 15 and Martin Samarco and Juandrell Lewis had 10 each. Coker is the only sophomore in the bunch.

Steve Bortolussi had 20 points to lead Kellogg, 3-6.

GRAND RAPIDS — In a battle of 9-1 clubs, Chris Ludtke scored 25 points and hauled down 13 rebounds Tuesday to lead Grand Rapids Community College to a 79-57 victory over Kirtland.

Terrance Coker had 13 points to lead Kirtland, whose only other loss was a month ago — a 97-95 defeat to Lansing.

Kirtland's schedule continues January 3, when the Firebirds visit Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Womens Team

GRAND RAPIDS — Melissa Engelsma scored 13 points Tuesday to lead Grand Rapids

Community College to an 80-52 rout of Kirtland.

Freshman forward Janel Kenyon led the Lady Firebirds with 15 points and 13 rebounds. She also had two blocks and two steals.

The loss dropped Kirtland to 4-8. It followed an inspiring effort Saturday, when Kirtland lost, 87-80, to undefeated Kellogg (12-0), at Battle Creek.

Grand Rapids Community College improved to 6-6.

The Ladybirds continue their schedule on January 3 against Schoolcraft in Livonia.

BOWLING LEAGUE

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Chemical Bank . . . 2 - 2
Custom Interior . . . 2 - 2
Rochette's . . . 2 - 2
South Side River Rats . . . 2 - 2
Grayling Restaurant . . . 1 - 3
AJD Forest Product . . . 0 - 4
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High Game: T. Rock, 202; J. Coors, 197; N. Glasslee, 190.
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Charles Country Corner . . . 4 - 4
Double Trouble . . . 4 - 4
American Legion . . . 3 - 5
4 F.I. . . . 3 - 5
Moshier Auto Repair . . . 2 - 6
Mens High Series: D. Canfield, 578; C. Hanson, 555; D. Brannan, 551.
Mens High Game: D. Brannan, 222; C. Hanson, 216; D. Wallace, 214.
Women High Series: S. Johnson, 503; K. Moshier, 500; M. Moshier, 460.
Women High Game: K. Moshier,

196; S. Johnson, 179; M. Moshier, 163.

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Gadco . . . 2 - 5
Sawmill Tavern . . . 2 - 5
Eagles Club . . . 0 - 7
Moore's Automotive . . . 0 - 7
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From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche

2003 – Year In Review

Happy New Year!

With the year 2003 at an end, the *Crawford County Avalanche* presents its annual Year In Review. The Year In Review includes article summaries from stories fea-

tured in 2003 *Crawford County Avalanche* editions.

Article summaries are listed according to the newspaper edition date in which the story appeared, not when the event happened.

The 2003 Year In Review will be published in two parts. This week's *Crawford County Avalanche* includes the months of January through June. July through December will be featured in next week's *Avalanche*.

JANUARY

2nd

- Just when Marianne Gosnell thought she may have to dip into her Toys for Tots account to help make up for projected shortages, the community came through in a tremendous way, filling collection boxes with about 1,300 toys and making monetary donations of \$1,193 just in time for the 2002 Christmas toy distribution.

- After more than five years serving as Crawford County's chief environmental watchdog, Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill is heading north to the Upper Peninsula to take a job with Gogebic County.

- After four years serving as the Crawford County Commissioner for District #5, and many previous years in other governmental offices, Elizabeth Wieland has decided to say good-bye to public life.

9th

- Superintendent Milli Haug met with over 100 concerned Frederic residents for more than two hours Monday evening regarding the possible closing of Frederic Elementary at the end of the current school year.

- Higgins Lake residents Cheryl and Donald Kiss welcomed their first child, Brandon

Thomas on January 3. He is the first baby of the new year to be born at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

- Lynette Corlew was elected Chair of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners after the entire board was sworn in last Thursday. Scott Hanson was elected Vice Chair.

16th

- The Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education needs to trim the district's budget by at least \$700,000 for the next school year due to funding cuts from the state.

- The Grayling City Council, Rusty Gates, Ken Rouston and Susan Thiel were given awards for their contributions to help preserve and enhance rivers at a recent meeting of the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

- Five snowmobilers were rescued and brothers Jody and Dave Sperry of Houghton Lake, are missing and presumed dead as a result of two incidents over the weekend where the men traveling on Houghton Lake were unaware of thin ice and open water ahead of them.

23rd

- Nineteen-year old

Stephanie Sue Mitchell, of Grayling, waived her right to a preliminary examination and pled guilty recently to delivery of a controlled substance. Her sworn testimony revealed the drug she "delivered" may have played a key role in the death of one of her friends. She has not been charged in the death.

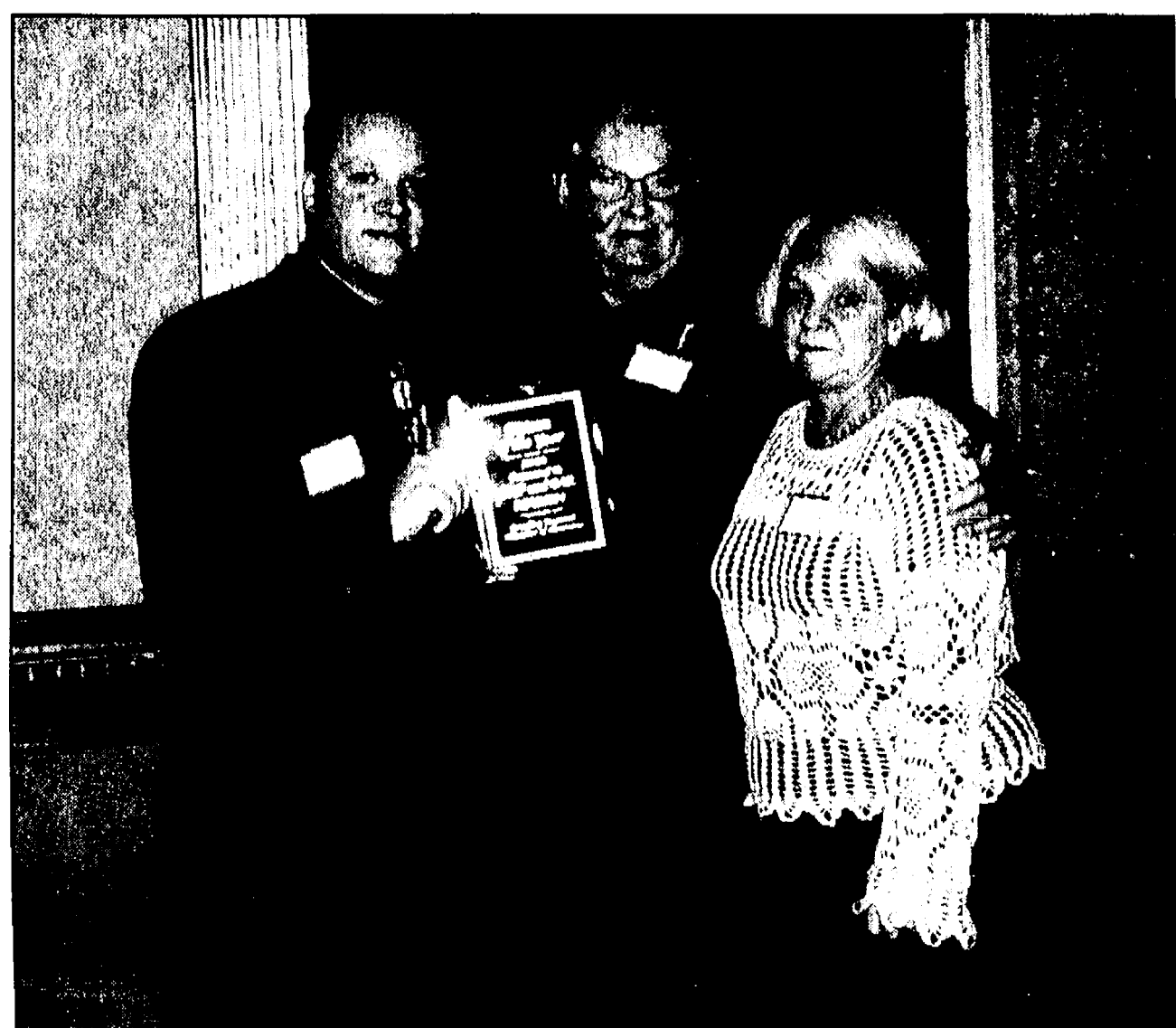
- The January meeting of the Crawford AuSable School Board was held in the Grayling Elementary gym to accommodate the approximately 90 people who came to show their opposition to the proposed closing of Frederic Elementary.

- The Grayling City Council took another step toward establishing a Downtown Development Authority in Grayling by issuing a resolution of intent and setting a date for the required public hearing.

- Grayling Vikings basketball teams are on a roll. The varsity team leads the NEMC with a 5-0 record. The JV team has a season record of 8-0, and the ninth graders are still unbeaten at 6-0.

30th

- Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce President Tim Zigala presented the 2002 Citizen of the Year award to lifelong Grayling resi-



Citizen of the Year Award (January 30th edition)

dents, Skip and Gail Madsen, recognizing their many contributions to the community, especially beautification of the Grayling business area. Mary Ann Ferrigan, owner and operator of Crawford County Title Insurance Agency was given the Silver Lining Award for recent building renovation and improvements. Lynn Porritt-

McConnell was presented with the Athena Award for her leadership, mentoring and community service.

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is considering the sale of the County Courthouse complex and its property to local developer and radio station owner, Bill Gannon, in order to place

the "prime riverfront property" back on the tax rolls.

- Northwoods, a softball team consisting mostly of players from the Grayling area, won the Houghton Lake Tip Up Town festival's annual softball tournament this past weekend. It was the third consecutive championship at the event for the Northwoods squad.

FEBRUARY

6th

- The Grayling City Council has altered the boundaries of its proposed district for a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – increasing its size – and cancelled a planned public hearing that would have dealt with the DDA issue. The changes include the addition of the Bear Archery property (now owned by local businessman Bill Gannon), the South I-75 Business Loop to the city limits and the County Building.

- Last Saturday, Frederic Township Fire and EMS and Crawford County Sheriff's personnel had their hands full answering four calls for rescue on local snowmobile trails. As with other calls so far this season, three of the accidents involved injuries that were not life-threatening, but one downstate man was killed in the fourth accident on February 1.

- After many years of work by many different people in many different organizations, the Through Town Trail Connector – a snowmobile trail that connects trails north of Grayling to those south of town – is complete.

- The Grayling Youth Booster Club has named John Alef the 2003 Booster of the Year for the 17 years he has been an active board member and treasurer.

- A Frederic Township man, charged with arson last summer after he tried to set fire to an old ice manufacturing plant, pled guilty to a lesser charge of attempted arson early last month. Gerald Arthur Mayhew is due to be sentenced this month in 46th Circuit Court.

- Following auditions with metro Detroit area aerobics instructors, Grayling native Brandi McClain was selected to serve as the aerobics coach for the University of Michigan women's gymnastics team.

13th

- The Crawford AuSable School Board by a 6 to 1 vote decided to close Frederic Elementary School beginning with the 2003-04 school year. Board members said in facing the funding cuts which are coming from the state they felt they had no choice other than to close the school.

- Crawford County Sheriff Deputy Jason Alexander received minor injuries when his patrol car was struck by a tow truck on I-75. Alexander's car had recently undergone recall work to fix a problem that has contributed to the deaths of 13 officers around the country.

- The GHS boys and girls ski teams both finished second in the League Championship Meet last week and finished the season in second place in the Central Alpine Ski Conference.

Mt. Pleasant won both league titles.

- More than a year and a half after their 21-year-old son was found shot to death on a wooded two-track near the Grayling Township Industrial Park, David and Kathy Piehl have still found no justice. The family is offering a \$3,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his killer or killers.

20th

- The Michigan Department of Corrections has settled a civil lawsuit filed by the family of John Schreiber in the amount of \$145,000. Schreiber hung himself in an apparent suicide while lodged in a Crawford County Jail holding cell on March 8, 2000.

- At the University of Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Middle Level State Tournament the Grayling Middle School team received scores of outstanding, averaging scores of 95 out of 100 points for three rounds of competition. Whitney Keir placed 7th in the State in Original Oratory. She also received a blue ribbon for scoring a perfect 100 in her second round of presentations. Other team members competing were Dorothy Zarnick (poetry), Kelsie Gilbert, Cassandra Pizzi, Chelsea Hanson and Kaitlin Gibson (storytelling), William



War protesters (February 27th edition)

Brown and Jamie Denno (sales), Justin Denno (informative) and Reid Holzbauer (prose). The team is coached by Robert Gorski.

- Brian Banda resigned from the city council citing conflicts with his job as athletic director which requires him to attend many athletic events. He was replaced by Tom Wellman that same evening. Wellman will serve until the November 2003 election.

- Sophomore skier Trevor Clough qualified for the State Finals in slalom at the regional competition held at Crystal Mountain.

- At the Individual District Wrestling competition Joel Wilson, Dusty Partello, Darryl Babbitt and Brandon Pratt qualified for Regional competition to be held Feb. 22.

27th

- For the first time in 36 years, the *Crawford County Avalanche* has new owners. Richard and Donna Milliman have sold the newspaper to their children Teresa Milliman Fitzwater, Dirk Milliman and Ann Marie Milliman.

- Fourteen protesters, carrying signs asking for peace, met at the Grayling City Park the

morning of February 22 to let their voices be heard regarding a possible war in Iraq.

- Soldiers of the 1438th Engineer Detachment based out of Camp Grayling received notification of a Presidential Call-Up in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle. Although their final destination is not yet known they are preparing their equipment for departure.

- GHS juniors Dusty Partello and Brandon Pratt qualified for the Individual State Wrestling Finals. The meet is the largest high school wrestling tournament in America.

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MARCH

6th

A jury trial set for later this month will not take place, as former Grayling Middle School teacher, Kathryn Anne Olson, pled guilty as charged to making a bomb threat March 11, 2002.

An estimated seven gallons of gasoline spilled out of an underground storage tank last Saturday morning, causing local law enforcement to shut down a portion of Old US-27 in Frederic Township. Frederic Township Fire Chief Doug Pratt assured residents the spill was quickly contained and soaked up in absorbent pads before seeping into ground water.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed February 19 to change the county's health care plan and save an estimated \$50,000 this year alone. The board began looking into other options once it realized the current plan was not performing as well as projected when it came to self-funding.

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams both finished first at the Burger King Invitational at Hanson Hills on February 20.

13th

Judge Murphy upheld the conviction of Roger Bruce Matt after a motion to vacate the guilty verdict was entered by Matt's



Winter Wolf Biathlon, snowshoe start (March 20th edition)

attorney. The motion was filed because juror Thomas Lobsinger was no longer a resident of Crawford County. When he received his letter telling him to report for jury duty he hopped the bus from Madison Heights, near Detroit and performed his civic duty.

After seven months in the county jail, 17-year old Casey Nelson Darling, who was facing

up to 10 years in state prison for breaking into a Grayling Township home, was set free last week. At his sentencing, Darling was given credit for 215 days already served, with the remainder of jail time held in abeyance. Darling's attorney said his client has gone through a lot of changes since being jailed and what he really needs is to "get out of this community" and get away from his past associations.

Heavy snow and howling winds created conditions that resulted in an accident on Sherman Road in Maple Forest Township. Cynthia Britten of Grayling was driving south on Sherman near West Marker Road and lost control of her car, then slid sideways and nearly head-on into the path of Connie Swander, of Grayling, who was northbound. Swander's SUV slid sideways and rolled onto its side in the ditch. No life-threatening injuries occurred.

The GHS varsity boys basketball team lost to Roscommon 66-63 in overtime in the first round of the District Tournament, ending Grayling's season.

GHS wrestler Brandon Pratt brought home Grayling High School's 26th state wrestling medal by finishing 6th in his weight class at the State Wrestling Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills last weekend.

20th

At the request of the high school administrators, the Crawford AuSable School Board voted 4-2 to allow the administration of a preliminary breath test to all teens attending the Grayling High School prom.

Everyone who visited the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library March 15 was treated to cake, punch and a balloon in celebration of the library's first birthday.

27th

Late afternoon, March 24, Grayling Police were called to hear a complaint from a mother who stated her son was assaulted at the library. The incident is just one of the many complaints of improper behavior by local kids at the one-year old state-of-the-art facility.

After months of hard work, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services has moved into its new building.

Seventeen wrestlers from Grayling Recreation Authority's youth wrestling team and the Grayling Middle School wrestling squad earned trophies by placing in the top four of their weight class at the NEMWA State Wrestling Finals at Northwoods University, March 22. Josh Partello, Jeff Bancroft, Daniel CdeBaca and Matt Townsend all placed 1st in their divisions. Partello and Townsend both capped undefeated seasons at the event.

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2003 - Year In Review

APRIL

3rd

• Former Grayling Middle School math teacher Kathryn Olson was expected to be sentenced April 7 for making a bomb threat to the school in March 2002. Court documents show the hearing was adjourned March 31 "until further notice." Olson's attorney mentioned he might submit a mental health evaluation to the court but the judge hasn't received it and is awaiting more information before sentencing.

• About 4,000 less troops are expected to attend annual training camp this summer at Camp Grayling. With the deployment of the A-10 Warthogs there will be a 30 percent decrease in training maneuvers at the air-to-ground range near Waters.

• Crawford AuSable School District Athletic Director Brian Banda informed the school board that the high school needs a new gymnasium floor. He said the replacement would cost about \$100,000. The final decision must be made by the CASD school board.

10th

• After hearing from their attorney, the Crawford AuSable School District board decided not to go with mandatory breath testing at the prom. On the advice of their attorney the board has approved random testing at the prom.

• Officials from the City of Grayling and Crawford County continue to discuss the possibility of relocating the county's courthouse and jail facilities to a piece of city property located adjacent to the new city hall building. Local businessman Bill Gannon has expressed an interest in buying the courthouse property and developing it along with the Bear Archery land he already owns. Gannon's plans include a bank, "a major restaurant," an assisted living facility for seniors and a pub/pizzeria at the Bear Archery property. Gannon said he plans to work with the Michigan Economic Development Council to bring about a continuation of Michigan Avenue, extending it through his development and linking it with M-72 West if he is able to purchase the county property.

17th

• Stephanie Sue Mitchell, who pled guilty in January for delivery of a controlled substance and breaking and entering, requested a new judge for the sentencing phase of her case. 46th Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy informed her that a victim in the case was employed by the court and offered to step aside. After consulting with her attorney, Mitchell agreed to the change.

• Longtime Grayling Fire Chief Duane Brooks was taken by ambulance to Grayling Mercy Hospital in the early evening of April 14, after he radioed for help while suffering a heart attack.

• Thirty-six year old Roger Bruce Matt of Grayling was found guilty February 20 for the armed robbery of a local gas station last September 3. After attempts to get his verdict overturned, Matt was sentenced to 135 months to 25 years in state prison for one count of felony armed robbery and two to five years for one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. The sentences will be served concurrently.

• Chad Flowers, of Grayling, "magically" turned two dollars into a \$10,000 top cash prize recently when he scratched off a Michigan Lottery "Magic Money" instant game ticket.

• At a special meeting the Grayling City Council approved spending up to \$12,500 to help cover the cost of matching funds for a \$50,000 planning grant through the Michigan Economic Development Committee. The county will pay the other half of the \$25,000 grant match. The grant would be used to study the effects of the county vacating its premises and selling the land to a local developer.

• Crawford AuSable Schools will be missing some familiar faces this fall after the retirement of 12 teachers and social worker Patti Quinlan. The twelve teachers are Florence Hough, Pam Williams, Pat Wiltse, Mary Smock, Jan Pahssen, Sally Yost, Alice VanSlyke, Butch Stockton, Bill Bedford, Mike Dean, Nancy Lemmen and Maureen Nowak.

• Members of the Grayling Promotional Association and several other members of the community spent a few days dressing up Grayling with about 200 yellow ribbons, symbolizing support for our troops serving in



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24th.

• The Crawford County Board of Commissioners signed a resolution urging the U.S. Congress to allow local and state regulatory control over solid waste imported from Canada. The commissioners learned of the first delivery of Canadian trash to the Waters landfill just days before it arrived. An estimated 11,000 tons of Canadian trash is expected to be deposited at the landfill this year.

• Justin Andre has been hired by the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) to manage the Hanson Hills Recreation Area. He replaces Cindy Olson, who resigned after seven years. Olson plans to pursue a career in life and health insurance sales.

• Underage drinking is believed to have been a factor in the early morning stabbing of a local teen. The stabbing of 19-year old Juell L. Joseph Jr. happened at a home on Sand Hill Road in Frederic Township. Early questioning of the victim and witnesses led to the identification of suspect, 19-year old Michael Brandon Trosper.

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- Budget cuts at the state level affected funding for schools and the arts at the local level. When the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education reluctantly eliminated funding for the award-winning Cultural Events Program, R.J. Hannan, recently retired Community Education and Cultural Events Program Coordinator thought this might be the end of the line for a program he has built up over the past 14 years. However, after meeting with Hannan, the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) members decided to sponsor the series.
- Stephanie Sue Mitchell, charged with the delivery of a controlled substance and felony breaking and entering, was sentenced to one to 10 years in prison for the break-ins and 18 months to seven years on the drug charge. The sentences will run concurrently and Mitchell was given credit for 109 days served in the Crawford County Jail. She was also ordered to participate in the MDOC's boot camp type program and substance abuse treatment.
- Thirty-nine-year old Maurice Leroy Alma Jr. was arraigned on two felony charges stemming



Natural Rivers hearing (May 8th edition)

from a shooting incident over an alleyway. Alma was charged with assault with intent to murder and felony firearm possession after he allegedly fired a 12-gauge shotgun in the direction of Glen Kimble who was grading Harmer Lane in Frederic. Alma demanded he stop grading, Kimble refused.

the USSSA slow-pitch men's softball tournament in Lansing in April. The tournament victory qualified the team for upcoming USSSA state and national tournaments.

8th

- Grayling Fire Chief Duane Brooks said his doctors have placed him on desk duty as they await the results of a stress test scheduled for May 12. Brooks, who suffered a heart attack April 14 while answering a call to help battle a grass fire said he now "feels great."

- Approximately 100 people attended the Natural Rivers hearing held May 3 at Grayling Middle School. Most people who commented were opposed to the designation although some audience members said they were simply there to learn more about the proposed designation.

- The Grayling High School concert band received the highest possible rating at the State High School Band and Orchestra Festival. The 70-member band had also achieved the highest rating possible at their district band festival in February, which qualified them for the state competition.

- A team consisting of mostly players from Grayling and the Grayling area took first place at

15th

- Think of the downtown area of Grayling as a "mall without a roof." That's what members of the Community Assessment Team suggested to a gathering of local officials, business owners and citizens when they gave their report May 8. Leadership was named as the key to the success of an improvement or development plans. The team suggested a collaborative economic development agency with a full-time staff person be implemented soon.

- The Frederic Fire Department was called to a grass fire at Abel Auto Parts on Old US-27 April 29. Due to the extremely dry conditions, the workers were being cautious while cutting the rear axle off a vehicle in the yard. After cutting they waited for the metal to cool down somewhat after cutting before moving the vehicle but apparently a hot part or parts fell to the ground during the move and ignited the grassy area. A total of 14 vehicles were involved, but none were fully engulfed by fire.

- Michael Brandon Trospen, 19, was charged with one count of assault with intent to do great

bodily harm less than murder and is free on \$10,000 bond. The charge resulted from an argument in which Trospen allegedly stabbed another teen. The incident involved underage drinking.

- GMS eighth graders Glenn Hampton, Kelly Lange, Nick Parkinson, Robert Ramaswamy, Cory Shear and Doug Slater were honored recently for scoring a composite score of 20 or above on the ACT test. The test is usually taken by high school juniors and seniors.

22nd

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed unanimously to be part of the proposed Grayling Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and passed a resolution stating guidelines it can live by at a special meeting May 14.

- Grayling High School was evacuated May 15 when a note was found in a men's rest room stating the school was going to blow up. Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said because of a tip, a 15-year old male student is now in custody. All students in attendance were first ushered to the football field and then loaded on buses.

- Grayling High School announced its top 10 students from the class of 2003. They are Valedictorian Charles McNamara, Salutatorian Jason Henning, Christopher Cragg, Jessica Green, Janelle Gregorich, Kenneth Heinlein, Kevin Jozwiak, Coleman Payne, Monica Safin and Laura Strohkirch.

- Jessica Green took first place in the long jump event with a jump of 15'7.5" at the Regional Track Meet in Gaylord. With that jump she qualified for the State Finals.

29th

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners severed their ties with the Board of the Crawford County Fair Association citing the Fair Board's failure to comply with the terms of its lease. The commissioners also voted unanimously to form a committee to oversee the use of fairground property. The new "Fairground Land Use Committee" will have one representative each from Little League, Redskin Football, 4-H, Grayling Youth Booster Club and the Fair Board, along with two commissioners, Scott Hanson and Terry Beardslee.

- The Book Fairy program started by Ilene Geiss-Wilson four years ago at Frederic Elementary School has come to its final page. May 22 marked the end of the program which gave each Frederic Elementary student a book of their own every month.

- About 100 people attended the Memorial Day tribute to all veterans who have protected our freedoms.

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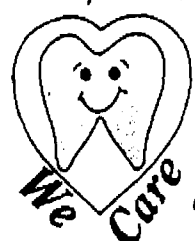
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As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block 13 of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six(6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in

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The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kirk Alan Wakefield and Vicki C. Wakefield, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to TCF National Bank successor by merger and/or name change to Great Lakes National Bank Michigan as successor by merger to Great Lakes Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mortgagee, dated October 14, 1985, and recorded on October 22, 1985 in Liber 239 on Page 252, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight And 03/100 Dollars (\$23,568.03), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 21, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block 2, Sixth Addition of Portage Lake Park, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford county Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 18, 2003
 For more information, please call:
 PC F 248.593.1313

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Crawford County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is continuing its work on the Crawford County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and is seeking input from community residents to assist in the formulation of goals and objectives that will be incorporated into the Plan. On Wednesday, January 14, 2004, LEPC will be holding a public input session at 1:30 PM, at the Grayling Township Hall. You are encouraged to attend and participate in this very important project.

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• The Grayling City Council approved the creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) within the city limits with a 3-2 vote June 2. The boundaries include, approximately, the businesses along James Street from M-72 East to M-72 West, plus the businesses on Michigan Avenue from James Street to Spruce Street.

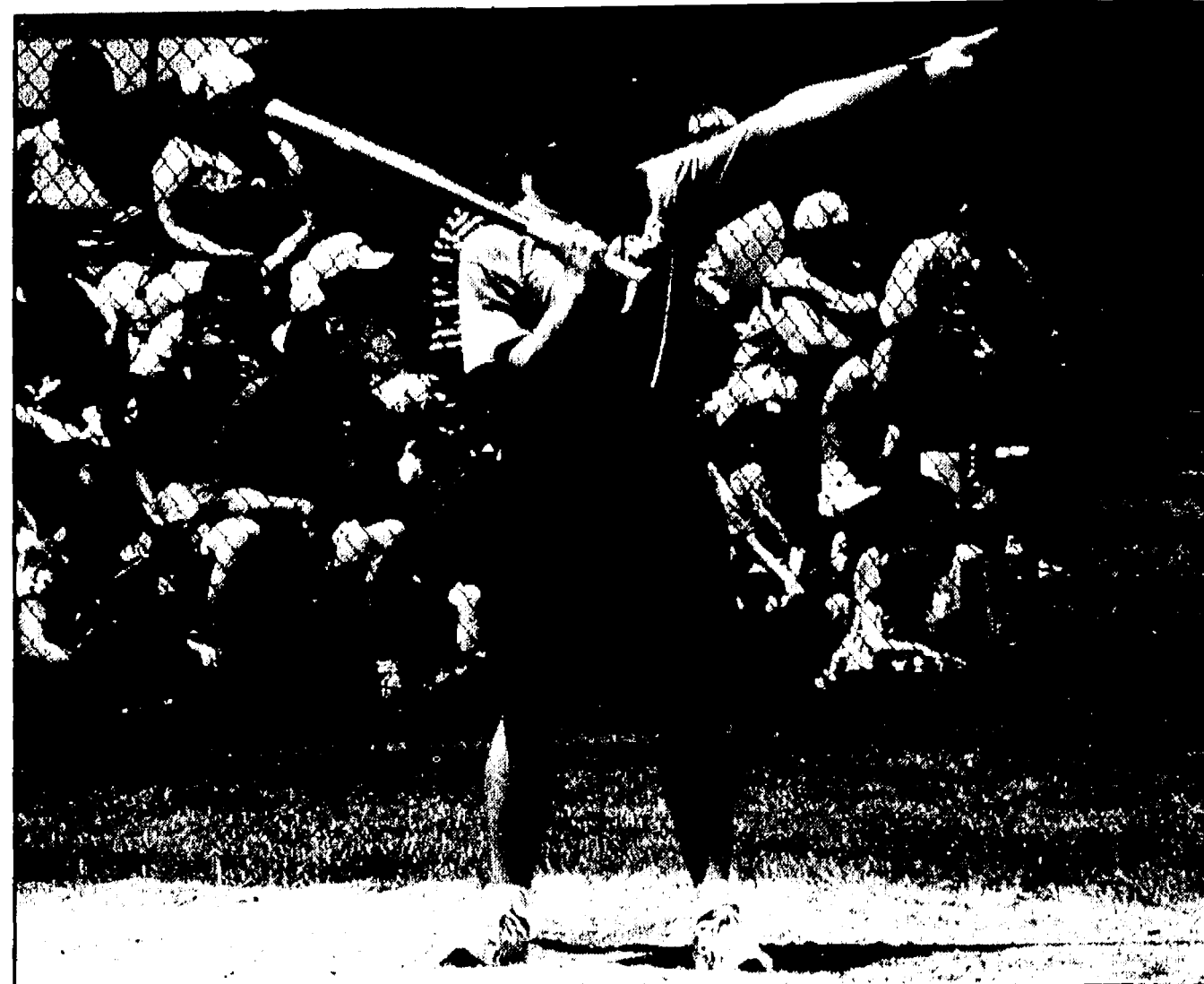
• Grayling native Steve Corlew, 22, will represent the United States at the Kayak Marathon World Championships in Spain September 27-28, 2003. He will compete in the two-man kayak race with fellow USA Kayak National Team member Ty Hagler, 23, of Gainesville, Georgia.

12th

• The 115th graduating class of Grayling High School made history June 6 with commencement exercises held outdoors for the first time. Inclement weather threatened the ceremony but it was completed before the heavy rains fell.

• William Dean and Lewis Madill were elected Monday to serve the next four years on the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education.

• Kathryn Olson, former Grayling Middle School math teacher will spend six months in "close confinement" as part of her punishment for making a



TV 9&10 All Stars vs. Crawford Cruisers (June 19th edition)

false bomb threat last year, avoiding a maximum sentence of four years in state prison. Prior to sentencing, Olson's attorney argued that the more than \$70,000 in restitution requested by the school district had no basis in fact and it was the decision of the district to "go nuts" and close that day.

• Following testimony in a preliminary examination of Maurice Alma Jr., of Frederic,

the charges against him were amended from assault with intent to murder down to felonious assault with a dangerous weapon. Alma faces a felony firearm charge and 83rd District Court Judge John G. Hunter added a charge of one count of malicious destruction of property for a flattened tire. Testimony had revealed he did not point the weapon at Glen Kimble who was grading an alleyway. The tire on the front end loader Kimble was using was shot out.

• More than 70 runners competed in this year's Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run June 7. The event included a 5-mile and 5K race. Overall winners for the 5-mile run were Micah Middaugh (male) and Kelly Peterson (female). Winners of the 5K run were John Courtwright (male) and Lauren Stephens (female).

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd A. Gabriel, a married man and Kary J. Gabriel, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 19, 1999, and recorded on March 9, 1999 in Liber 476 on Page 247, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One And 87/100 Dollars (\$158,841.87), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 28, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 25, 2003
 For more information, please call:
 PC C 248.593.1301
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
 File #007588F01

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ordinance.

• Fourteen members of the Michigan Task Force on Long-Term Care met at Grayling Mercy Hospital June 9 with local community members who work in the long term care field. The task force was touring the state to prepare an informed report about the problems of long-term care throughout the state.

• The TV 9&10 News All-Stars edged the Crawford County Cruisers 13-12 in a seven-inning charity softball game June 14 at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. The 9&10 team included several newscasters and the Cruisers included several representatives of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

• The Crawford AuSable School District athletics department is in the process of trimming about \$50,000 (almost 20 percent) from its budget for next year, without cutting programs. It is also looking at ways to increase revenues.

26th

• Knowledge that a gas well might be drilled near the Mason Chapel and South Branch of the AuSable River raised concern from local people as well as across the state and nation. Savoy Energy, of Traverse City, purchased the lease in 1999.

• Smokey the Bear, who has been missing for nearly three years, has returned to his old location and is now reporting the potential fire danger of local forests.

• Local officials have taken the suggestions of an outside community assessment team and are moving forward with a goal to breathe new life into the Grayling business district. One of the suggestions is to focus on the more than 1,800 acres of land currently available for industrial and job development. The summary of the study and the action plan will be presented July 1.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CRAWFORD AND ROSCOMMON COUNTIES

The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council (CRCPC) is announcing the availability of grants for community-based primary and secondary prevention programs and services. CRCPC will be funding programs that promote strong, nurturing families and prevention of child abuse and neglect before it occurs.

These grants will be awarded in January of 2004. Funding is available to any local, state, public or private agency, or non-profit organization that meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Types of funding include new programs or services, enhanced or expanded services, or services coordination.

The CRCPC will review applications at its January 8, 2004 meeting. Applications should be submitted to CRCPC, P.O. Box 2, Roscommon, MI 48653, no later than Monday, January 5, 2004.

To obtain an application please contact Sherry Probst, Director CRCPC at 989-275-5101.



Smokey the Bear returns (June 26th edition)

Mortgage Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the condition of a certain Mortgage made by Delmar E. Gasser, a single man, and Tina M. Avery, a single woman, whose address is 348 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with an office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated July 11, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on July 16, 1996 in Liber 414 of Crawford County Records on Pages 498 through 501, inclusive, said Borrowers on the above date of July 11, 1996, having executed a certain Assumption Agreement in writing, by which they assumed a prior Mortgage obligation of Bonnie S. Barnes to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), dated October 25, 1994 and recorded October 25, 1994 in Liber 385 of Crawford County Records on Pages 318 through 321, inclusive, and a certain Mortgage given by David J. Bordeaux and Ilesa M. Bordeaux, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), dated April 16, 1993 and recorded April 16, 1993 in Liber 357 of Crawford County Records on Pages 510 through 513, inclusive, and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight and 42/100 (\$46,428.42) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now Therefore Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises there-in described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, in the city of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday January 14, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 7.25 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot 18, Red Wing Terrace, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Pages 22, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known as 348 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling, 49738; tax no. 040-45-770-00-018-00.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the Community Development Manager at the local office of Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. 4.

Dated: December 3, 2003
United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee
Robert J. Zitta P22749
Attorney for Mortgagee
Schewerle & Zitta
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

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Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Renee L. Forbes, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 6, 1998, and recorded on March 24, 1998 in Liber 449 on Page 574, and assigned by said Mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 1999 recorded on November 2, 1999 in Liber 494 on Page 367, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Eighty And 24/100 Dollars (\$28,080.24), including interest at 7.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 21, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 and 6 Little Richard Estates, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 34, Crawford County Records, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 18, 2003
For more information, please call:
FC 1 248.593.1311

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #006833F01

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James E. Faust and Nancy A. Faust, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Old Kent Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 1999, and recorded on January 12, 2000 in Liber 499 on Page 363, and modified by agreement dated February 24, 2000, and recorded on March 16, 2000 in Liber 503 on Page 363, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen And 69/100 Dollars (\$52,213.69), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 28, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: The East 300 feet of the South 300 feet of the

Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, lying East of the East Branch of the AuSable River.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 25, 2003
For more information, please call:
FC W 248.593.1312

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Fifth Third Mortgage Company as successor by merger and/or name change to Old Kent Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #007432F01

-25-1-8-15

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Arthur Hurst, a single man and Madeline Marie Chase, a single woman as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 2, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 484, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on

which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nineteen Thousand Twenty-Three And 53/100 Dollars (\$19,023.53), including interest at 14% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: A parcel of Land located in the West ten acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West along the North line of said Section 1155.66 feet for a point of beginning; Thence continuing North 89

degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West 163.63 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds East along the West 1/8 line 443.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds East 163.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds West 443.70 feet to the point of beginning. Be the same more or less, but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 1, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, LLC successor by merger to Centex Home Equity Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #007879F01

-1-8-15-22

Notice to Grayling Township Residents

On Wednesday, December 10, 2003, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees adopted a new zoning ordinance to replace the ordinance adopted in 1992. The new ordinance contains twenty-four chapters and more than 100 pages. To publish it in its entirety would be cost prohibitive. Listed below is a chapter-by-chapter analysis of the contents of the new ordinance. Residents are urged to read the entire ordinance, available at the Grayling Town Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. This analysis meets the legal publishing requirement prior to the ordinance becoming effective seven days after publishing.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ORDINANCE # 2003-02 CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PREAMBLE

This Ordinance is enacted to repeal Ordinance #92-2 and to adopt a revised Zoning Ordinance, which incorporates amendments adopted since 1992 and maintains zoning districts and regulations governing the unincorporated portions of Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. This Ordinance is further enacted to promote the public health, safety and general welfare; to encourage and regulate the use of land and location of buildings and structures for residence, trade, industry or other purposes; to regulate dimensions of yards and other space; to provide for the powers and duties of a Zoning Board of Appeals and a Planning Commission; to provide for the administration, enforcement, penalties for violation and amendment to this Ordinance. Be it ordained by the Grayling Township Board, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, as follows:

ARTICLE I SHORT TITLE AND PURPOSE
SECTION 1.01- TITLE
This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the The Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance, and may be referred to herein as this Ordinance.

SECTION 1.02- PURPOSE
The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare. To encourage the use of lands in accordance with their character and adaptability, and to limit the improper use of land. To conserve natural resources and energy. To meet the needs of the state's residents for food, fiber, and other natural resources, places of residence, recreation, industry, trade, service, and other uses of land. To insure that uses of the land shall be situated in appropriate locations and relationships. To avoid the overcrowding of population. To provide adequate light and air. To lessen congestion on the public roads and streets. To reduce hazards to life and property. To facilitate adequate provision for a system of transportation, sewage disposal, safe and adequate water supply, education, recreation, and other public requirements. To conserve the expenditure of funds for public improvements and services to conform to the most advantageous uses of land, resources and properties.

The Ordinance shall be made with reasonable consideration, among other things to the character of each district; its peculiar suitability for particular uses; the conservation of property values and natural resources; and the general and appropriate trend and character of land, building, and population development. To implement the recommendations of the City of Grayling and Grayling Township Master Plan adopted by the Grayling Township Planning Commission on September 16, 1997.

SECTION 1.03- AUTHORITY
This Ordinance is ordained and enacted into law pursuant to the provisions of and in accordance with the State of Michigan's Township Zoning Act (Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943), as amended.

SECTION 1.04- REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCE

The Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance #92-2) previously adopted by the Grayling Township Board and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed. The repeal of the above ordinance and its amendments does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred prior to the time enforced, prosecuted, or inflicted.

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SECTION 10.03- SPECIAL PERMIT USES

SECTION 10.04- PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
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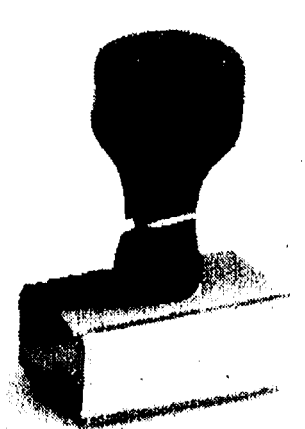
ARTICLE XXIV SEVERABILITY AND ENACTMENT
SECTION 24.01- SEVERABILITY
The various parts, sections, paragraphs, sentences and clauses of this Ordinance are declared severable. If any part, section, paragraph, sentence or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 24.02- ENACTMENT
The required public hearing was held before the Grayling Township Planning Commission on the 27th day of May, 2003, for this Zoning Ordinance of Grayling Township. A second public hearing was held before the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on the 10th day of December, 2003, and the Ordinance was adopted by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of December, 2003.

Notice of adoption shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in Grayling Township within fifteen (15) days after adoption. This Zoning Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after publication.

Terry R. Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor
Monica S. Ashton, Grayling Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF **SHOW CAUSE HEARING** AND **JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING** **NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

On March 1, 2003 real estate with unpaid 2001 and/or prior years property taxes was forfeited to the Crawford County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for Jan 13, 2004 - Jan 27, 2004 at 430 W Allegan, First Floor, Lansing MI 48922.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 9:00 AM, February 5, 2004 at the 46th Circuit Court, 200 W Michigan Ave, Grayling MI 49738.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 03-6095-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period.
- You should contact the Crawford County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid within 21 days after judgment is entered in the foreclosure proceedings.

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any undischarged, apparent, or potential title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is no procedure for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction in July, September, and November of 2004. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The amount due listed indicates the balance which was due as of forfeiture on March 1, 2003. The current amount required to redeem must be obtained from the Crawford County Treasurer, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount
AIELLO, MARY E	032-340-000-007-00	\$1,249.52	FRITZ, HELMUTH	010-14-750-00-010-00	\$945.63	NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION	062-033-012-100-00	\$1,050.88
ALLIANCE FUNDING	040-45-940-00-014-00	\$873.58	FRITZ, HELMUTH	040-45-620-01-025-00	\$593.52	NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION	062-036-012-030-01	\$680.60
ANDERSON, CHRISTINE	032-340-000-007-00	\$1,249.52	FRITZ, INGRID	010-14-125-00-011-00	\$302.89	OLSON, BEATRICE	040-42-015-13-160-00	\$1,368.80
ARMSTRONG, JAMES	032-340-000-007-00	\$1,249.52	FRITZ, INGRID	010-14-750-00-010-00	\$945.63	OSBORN, ARDITH	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BANK ONE	040-45-660-00-006-00	\$967.06	FRITZ, INGRID	040-45-620-01-025-00	\$593.52	OSBORN, CRAIG L	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BATESON, SUSAN	010-14-750-00-010-00	\$945.63	GAERTNER, KIMBERLY	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21	OSBORN, MACGILLIVRAY E JR	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BERBYNUK, JON G	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$495.40	GAERTNER, RICK	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21	OSBORN, MRS. CRAIG L	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BLAINE, LADONNA	020-019-006-380-00	\$493.50	GAINES, HELEN I	070-183-001-011-01	\$1,481.91	OSBORN, MRS. MACGILLIVRAY E	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
BOATMAN, ZEPHER A	031-028-001-100-06	\$466.22	GLADWIN, JAY	052-520-000-540-00	\$567.15	PALASZEK, MARGARET	040-41-021-11-030-00	\$536.40
BURNETT, COLLIN K	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	GRAY, GARY G	010-14-400-00-196-00	\$345.02	PEDROTTE, LEO C	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$979.66
BUTLER, ROBERT L	040-45-760-11-037-00	\$361.92	GRAY, VICKIE L	010-14-400-00-196-00	\$345.02	PEDROTTE, MARGARET	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$979.66
CALLAHAN, DEBORAH	070-183-001-011-00	\$285.04	GRAYLING STATE BANK	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21	PEER, DANIEL D	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALLAHAN, DEBORAH	070-183-001-011-01	\$1,481.91	GRAYLING TOWNSHIP	040-45-200-01-013-00	\$401.42	PEER, DONALD D JR	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALLAHAN, JOHN	070-183-001-011-01	\$1,481.91	GREAT LAKES ROOFING & INSULATION SYSTEMS	070-150-003-004-00	\$5,247.43	PEER, DONALD D SR	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALLAHAN, JOHN P	070-183-001-011-00	\$285.04	GROSS, STEVEN D	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$420.49	PEER, DONNA M	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALLAHAN, WILLIAM	070-183-001-011-01	\$1,481.91	HALSTEAD, KENNETH	030-011-001-109-00	\$660.59	PEER, ESTHER C	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALLAHAN, WILLIAM A	070-183-001-011-00	\$285.04	HARLAND, MARIE	040-41-003-16-040-03	\$378.55	PEER, MRS. DANIEL D	063-013-003-020-00	\$3,467.96
CALVIN, BEN W	010-11-022-14-060-00	\$1,815.12	HARLAND, RICHARD	040-41-003-16-040-03	\$378.55	PELTON, GEORGE	020-034-001-020-01	\$1,104.01
CALVIN, JAMES H	010-11-022-14-060-00	\$1,815.12	HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP	064-440-000-008-00	\$1,389.37	PELTON, GEORGE	020-034-001-045-00	\$402.89
CALVIN, SUSAN	010-11-022-14-060-00	\$1,815.12	HUNTER, KIMBERLY	040-41-003-16-040-03	\$378.55	PELTON, LINDA	020-034-001-020-01	\$1,104.01
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	031-028-001-100-06	\$466.22	HUNTER, MICHAEL	040-41-003-16-040-03	\$378.55	PELTON, LINDA	020-034-001-045-00	\$402.89
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	031-028-001-100-06	\$466.22	I.R.S.	040-42-013-02-130-00	\$3,463.81	PERRY, KAREN E	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32
CITIZENS BANK	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$979.66	I.R.S.	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78	PERRY, WILLIAM D	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32
CITIZENS BANK	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86	I.R.S.	040-45-283-00-161-00	\$501.14	PETERSON, VIRGINIA	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78
CITIZENS BANK	040-43-033-12-015-00	\$475.42	I.R.S.	062-033-012-100-00	\$1,050.88	PHILLIPS, JEAN F	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78
CITIZENS BANK	040-43-033-12-040-01	\$294.08	INDEPENDENT BANK	062-005-015-030-00	\$669.77	PIZZI, FERN LEE	070-132-001-001-04	\$1,452.26
CITIZENS BANK	040-45-480-00-018-00	\$817.71	JONES, CAROL J	050-010-009-020-00	\$925.76	PIZZI, GAYE	070-132-001-001-04	\$1,452.26
CITIZENS BANK, GRAYLING STATE BANK NKA	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86	JONES, CAROL J	050-010-009-030-00	\$372.21	PLUTKO, HOLLY	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$979.66
COCHRAN, THELMA S	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	JONES, LLOYD E	050-010-009-020-00	\$925.76	POPE, BETTY L	050-019-011-290-00	\$734.01
COLLINS, MARY A	020-016-003-020-00	\$303.23	JONES, LLOYD E	050-010-009-030-00	\$372.21	POPE, MICHAEL G	050-019-011-290-00	\$734.01
CONKLIN, CAROL	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	JUNTILLA, DAWN M	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$495.40	PRESS, ELIZABETH	040-44-027-05-040-00	\$759.33
CONKLIN, KENNETH	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	KOBEL, HENRY W	064-500-000-030-00	\$660.77	RATZ, GERALD E	030-003-013-040-00	\$734.74
CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE & FINANCIAL SERVICES	040-40-022-04-150-02	\$545.99	KOBEL, HOWARD S	064-500-000-030-00	\$660.77	REED, RICKY A	040-45-283-00-161-00	\$501.14
CORP	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$3,098.33	KOCH, VIVIAN	070-182-002-001-00	\$1,271.28	RHINEHART, WILLIAM R	052-520-000-540-00	\$567.15
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$1,755.16	KOGELMAN, CYNTHIA S	030-002-006-120-00	\$956.07	ROBINSON, BARBARA	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$679.27
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$1,755.16	KOGELMAN, RANDALL	030-002-006-120-00	\$956.07	ROBINSON, EDWARD II	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$679.27
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION	032-180-000-401-00	\$248.25	KUNKEL, BETTY	040-40-024-11-065-00	\$653.74	ROOT, MARILYN M	040-42-015-13-160-00	\$1,368.80
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION	032-180-000-401-00	\$248.25	KUNKEL, BETTY L	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86	SANCARTIER, SHARON	040-45-766-02-012-00	\$1,140.68
CROSS, BETTY L	020-019-006-380-00	\$493.50	KUNKEL, DOYLE	040-40-024-11-065-00	\$653.74	SANCANT, JANET L	064-400-000-021-00	\$317.64
CROSS, WILLIAM T	020-019-006-380-00	\$493.50	KUNKEL, DOYLE W	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86	SANCANT, JANET L	064-400-000-022-00	\$317.64
CROSS, WILLIAM, ESTATE OF, T	020-019-006-380-00	\$493.50	LABEAN, LARRY L	064-161-000-040-00	\$682.14	SANCANT, TIMOTHY	064-400-000-021-00	\$317.64
DEAN, KENNETH	070-200-003-011-00	\$1,890.44	LARM, DALE	040-45-940-00-014-00	\$873.58	SANCANT, TIMOTHY M	064-400-000-022-00	\$317.64
DEAN, MICHELLE	070-200-003-011-00	\$1,890.44	LARM, DORIA	040-45-940-00-014-00	\$873.58	SCHANS, LAURA (TRUST) J	070-150-003-004-00	\$5,247.43
DEMOINES, SUSAN M	032-180-000-401-00	\$248.25	LEASURE, CRAIG	064-440-000-008-00	\$1,389.37	SCHANS, THOMAS (TRUST) H	040-42-013-02-130-00	\$3,463.81
DEMOINES, THOMAS C	032-180-000-401-00	\$248.25	LEASURE, ELIZABETH A	064-440-000-008-00	\$1,389.37	SCHARF, MARGARET	040-42-013-02-130-00	\$3,463.81
DENEAU, MICHELLE	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$495.40	LOVELY, KIM	040-44-027-05-040-00	\$759.33	SCHMIDTENDORFF, LINDA	040-41-021-11-030-00	\$536.40
DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	070-183-001-011-01	\$1,481.91	MALINOWSKI, DAVID L	070-182-002-001-00	\$1,271.28	SCHMIDTENDORFF, LINDA L	070-100-008-003-00	\$2,523.29
DERUNTZ, PAMELA K	020-075-000-193-00	\$320.55	MALINOWSKI, EDWARD JR	070-182-002-001-00	\$1,271.28	SCHMIDTENDORFF, LINDA L	070-100-008-011-00	\$8,722.35
DIXON, WALTER	010-12-032-03-030-00	\$1,515.79	MALLOY, MARIE C	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78	SCHUMACHER, ANTHONY G	052-775-000-005-00	\$434.94
DOTTS, CHERYL M	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$420.49	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST CO	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$1,755.16	SCHUMACHER, JENNIFER	052-775-000-005-00	\$434.94
DUNCKLEY, GEORGE P	030-002-006-120-00	\$956.07	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST CO	040-40-022-04-150-02	\$545.99	SILVER FOX ENTERPRISES, INC	070-100-008-011-00	\$8,722.35
DUNCKLEY, PATRICIA M	030-002-006-120-00	\$956.07	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST CO	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$3,098.33	SILVER FOX ENTERPRISES, INC	070-100-008-003-00	\$2,523.29
EQUITCREDIT CORP OF AMERICA	070-200-003-011-00	\$1,890.44	MARINOVICH, THERESA	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21	SMITH, DOUGLAS D	062-033-012-100-00	\$1,050.88
FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$384.32	MARINOVICH, WILLIAM	040-45-340-00-014-00	\$440.21	SMOCK, JESSIE	040-45-660-00-006-00	\$967.06
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION	064-500-000-030-00	\$660.77	MCMANARA, PATRICK J	070-200-003-011-00	\$1,890.44	SOERENSON FUNERAL HOME	040-42-013-02-045-01	\$3,602.86
FEDAK, FRED	040-42-013-02-130-00	\$3,463.81	MCRAE, VIOLETTA F	040-45-480-00-018-00	\$817.71	STATE OF MICHIGAN	070-100-008-011-00	\$8,722.35
FEDAK, FRED	040-42-013-05-060-00	\$789.78	MCRAE, WILLIAM E	040-45-480-00-018-00	\$817.71	STATE OF MICHIGAN	070-183-001-011-00	\$285.04
FEDAK, FRED	070-100-008-003-00	\$2,523.29	MELLEN, FLORENCE R	040-45-200-01-013-00	\$401.42	STATE OF MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY	040-45-283-00-161-00	\$501.14
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INS CORP, ALLIANCE FUNDING NKA	052-775-000-005-00	\$434.94	MICHIGAN DEPT OF TREASURY	040-40-003-06-080-00	\$982.25	STEVENS, KIMBERLY L	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71
FIFTH THIRD BANK	040-45-760-11-037-00	\$361.92	MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING	040-45-766-02-012-00	\$1,140.68	STIMMEL, WENDY SUE	064-400-000-632-00	\$362.19
FITZGERALD, MARK	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$495.40	MOGGO, DOUGLAS	040-40-003-06-080-00	\$982.25	TATHAM, ANN M	010-12-020-01-020-00	\$516.58
FORCE / THERRIEN, TRACIE V	010-14-400-00-165-00	\$2,111.26	MOGGO, PAULINE	040-40-003-06-080-00	\$982.25	TATHAM, ANN M	010-12-021-06-040-00	\$516.58
FORCE, THOMAS	010-14-400-00-165-00	\$2,111.26	MORTGAGE CORP OF AMERICA (TRUSTEE)	031-023-013-008-00	\$430.19	TATHAM, JAMES	010-12-020-01-020-00	\$516.58
FORD, LEONA E	064-500-000-030-00	\$660.77	MOSER, PAMELA J	010-11-027-04-140-00	\$3,104.71	TATHAM, JAMES	010-12-021-06-040-00	\$516.58
FRANKLIN, JECZEN J	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$420.49	NICHOLS, JAYE	040-40-022-04-150-02	\$545.99	TATHAM, MARY J	010-12-021-06-040-00	\$516.58
FRANKLIN, STEVEN P	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$420.49	NICHOLS, JAYE	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$3,098.33	TATHAM, MARY JO	010-12-020-01-020-00	\$516.58
FRITZ, HELMUTH	010-14-125-00-011-00	\$302.89	NICHOLS, STEVEN	040-40-022-04-150-02	\$545.99			
			NICHOLS, STEVEN	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$3,098.33			

TATHAM, ROBERT 010-12-020-01-020-00 \$516.58
 TATHAM, ROBERT 010-12-021-06-040-00 \$1,664.12
 TAYLOR, CHARLES 031-023-013-008-00 \$430.19
 TAYLOR, MARY ANN 020-016-003-020-00 \$303.23
 THAYER, CHARLENE I 052-520-000-375-00 \$327.55
 THAYER, ROY D JR 052-520-000-375-00 \$327.55
 THAYER, SUSAN 052-520-000-381-00 \$333.02
 THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO 020-016-001-010-00 \$618.43
 THEMME, ELIZABETH 050-010-009-020-00 \$925.76
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 THEMME, RICK 050-010-009-020-00 \$925.76
 THEMME, RICK 050-010-009-030-00 \$372.21
 THERRIEN, TRACIE VOILET 010-14-400-00-165-00 \$2,111.26
 THOMAS, PAUL S 051-022-008-020-00 \$1,482.64
 TITCHENELL, DONALD 062-036-012-020-00 \$994.06

TITCHENELL, DONALD R JR 062-036-012-030-01 \$680.60
 TITCHENELL, ETHELYN L 062-036-012-030-01 \$680.60
 TITCHENELL, PATSY K 062-036-012-020-00 \$994.06
 TREUTLE, DEBBRA K 062-005-015-030-00 \$669.77
 TREUTLE, FREDERICK J 062-005-015-030-00 \$669.77
 VINTON, LORRAINE K 070-100-008-003-00 \$2,523.29
 VINTON, LORRAINE K 070-100-008-011-00 \$8,722.35
 WALKER, DANNY L 040-43-033-12-015-00 \$475.42
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 WALKER, VALERIE E 040-43-033-12-015-00 \$475.42
 WALKER, VALERIE E 040-43-033-12-040-01 \$294.08
 WALKER, VALERIE E 070-150-003-004-00 \$5,247.43
 WEAVER, WENDY 070-150-003-004-00 \$5,247.43

WELSER, JAYSON S 040-41-006-03-040-00 \$426.09
 WEYN, JOSEPH R 040-41-003-16-040-03 \$378.55
 WEYN, MARY J 040-41-003-16-040-03 \$378.55
 WHITE, THERON (TRUST) H 070-100-008-003-00 \$2,523.29
 WHITE, THERON (TRUST) H 070-100-008-011-00 \$8,722.35
 WHITLEY, DANA 070-150-003-004-00 \$5,247.43
 WHITLEY, TAMMY 070-150-003-004-00 \$5,247.43
 WILKINSON, GEORGE 050-018-009-020-02 \$825.57
 WILKINSON, IRENE 050-018-009-020-02 \$825.57
 WILLAVIZE, LARRY JR 010-14-125-00-001-00 \$381.03
 WILLAVIZE, LARRY SR 010-14-125-00-001-00 \$381.03
 YOST, DEBORAH 020-016-001-010-00 \$618.43

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010-11-022-14-060-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
 010-11-027-04-140-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
 010-12-020-01-020-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
 010-12-021-06-040-00 9125 TATHAM TRL, GRAYLING
 010-12-032-03-030-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
 010-13-029-12-040-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
 010-14-125-00-001-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
 010-14-125-00-011-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
 010-14-400-00-165-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
 010-14-400-00-196-00 LOVELLS TOWNSHIP
 010-14-400-00-229-00 3114 TIMBERLINE TRL, GRAYLING
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 070-132-001-001-04 401 MIKADO ST, GRAYLING
 070-150-003-004-00 207 S JAMES ST, GRAYLING
 070-182-002-001-00 901 MICHIGAN AVE, GRAYLING
 070-183-001-011-00 1130 I-75 BUS. LOOP, GRAYLING
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 070-200-003-011-00 603 GALEN ST., GRAYLING

LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James S. Morrow, II, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Bank of Ann Arbor, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2002, and recorded on November 4, 2002 in Liber 605 on Page 354, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Washington Mutual Bank as assignee by an assignment dated November 12, 2002 recorded on July 23, 2003 in Liber 643 on Page 483, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven And 82/100 Dollars (\$35,727.82), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Numbered 44, Assessor's Plat of Switzerland, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 31, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 1, 2004
 For more information, please call:
 FCJ 248.593.1311
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
 File #008091F01

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting December 10, 2003

Members Present: Cynthia Timmons, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: Tom Hall
 Others Present: Dan Sandersen, Hal Leas, Barbara Clark Greene, Dale French, Curt Jansen, Donald Williams, Joe Porter, Joseph M. Bilinski, Terry Warrington, Susan Warrington, Gail E. Madsen, John Wotring, Barb Wotring, Phyllis Hofman, Gary Bofsyil.
 Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Ashton, seconded by Timmons, to amend the agenda to delay action on items 7, 9, and 10 until after 8:00 p.m. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

2. Motion by O'Mara, seconded by Timmons, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2003 as presented. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

3. The Treasurer's Report for October 2003 was distributed and placed on file.

4. Correspondence (No action required) Chamber Newsletter for December 03, Recycling Report for November 03.

5. There were no citizens who wished to speak.

6. Gail Madsen was present to update the Board on progress of the Streetscape Project, which includes extension of the bike path) due to begin Summer of 2004 from M-93 to the City limits.

7. Reverend Peter Clapp, representing the Grace Center, paid a "good neighbor" visit to the meeting. The Grace Center, located between the Township Hall and the St. Francis Episcopal Church, has been a counseling center for substance abuse for seventeen years. Future plans include expanding services to include family counseling and it is likely an additional building will be needed.

8. (8:00 p.m.) After consideration of comments offered by citizens at a public hearing held at 6:00 p.m. on 12-10-03 concerning a proposed Road End Ordinance for Lake Margrethe the following motion was offered. Motion by Ashton, seconded by O'Mara, to return the proposed Road End Ordinance for Lake Margrethe to the Ad-Hoc Committee for considerations of changes recommended by legal counsel, risk management and persons at the public hearing held for late spring 2004. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

9. After consideration of comments offered by citizens at a public hearing held at 7 p.m. on 12-10-03 concerning a proposed update of the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance the following motion was offered. Motion by O'Mara, seconded by Timmons, to accept the recommendation of the Grayling Township Planning Commission and adopt the proposed zoning ordinance as Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 2003-2 to become effective thirty days after publication. Ayes; four, Nays; None, Absent; one. Motion carried.

10. Request from Gregory L. Laudenslager to transfer ownership of Class C Liquor License for 6811 W M-72 (Old Barn) was presented. Supervisor read correspondence from Neal Michal in support of the transfer. Fire, building, electrical and plumbing inspections have been passed. Investigation by the Sheriff's Department has been completed and approval is recommended. Motion by O'Mara, seconded by Timmons, to adopt a resolution approving the request from Gregory L. Laudenslager to transfer ownership of 2002 Class C License Business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, located at 6811 W. M-72, Grayling, MI 49738, Grayling Township, Crawford County, from Paul W. Schroeder; James R. Deamud, Receiver. (See Attachment "A"). Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

11. Motion by Ashton, seconded by Timmons, to change recyclable handlers from Metro Fibres of Alpena to Recycle America (Waste Management) of Saginaw. The Saginaw location offers better prices for the products and the trailer can be emptied and returned in one trip. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Ashton, seconded by Timmons, to adapt a resolution that will grant a 50 percent, 12 year tax abatement through Public Act 198 of 1974, to Rieth-Riley, Inc. if and when the company locates in the Four Mile Road Industrial Park and qualifies for such exemption. (See Attachment "B") Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

13. Motion by O'Mara, seconded by Timmons, to adopt Staffing Level Policy and Hiring Policy for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department. (See Attachment "C" and "D") Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

14. Motion by Timmons, seconded by Wright, to adopt the updated Grayling Township Employee Policy Manual as presented. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

15. Supervisor noted that the construc-

tion of the pavilion at the Fish Hatchery Nature Park has been delayed till spring due to weather.

16. Motion by Timmons, Seconded by O'Mara, to approve payments of claims on vouchers 1802, 1830 through 1859, liquor inspections \$90.00, Bd. & Comm. Fees for Nov. \$570.00, Guardian Dental \$654.80, Verizon \$296.05, for a grand total of \$21,163.32. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

17. Motion by O'Mara, seconded by Ashton, to respectfully accept the resignation of Anthony Luppato from the Grayling Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Luppato is moving from the community. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

18. Motion by Ashton, seconded by O'Mara, to respectfully accept the resignation of Thomas Hall as Grayling Township Trustee and Township Board

representative on the Grayling Township Planning Commission. Mr. Hall is now employed in southern Michigan and his schedule will not leave him available for meetings. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

19. Motion by O'Mara, seconded by Ashton, to respectfully accept the resignation of Cynthia Timmons as Grayling Township Trustee effective upon adjournment of this meeting. Mrs. Timmons has been appointed by the Governor to the F.I.A. Board. It has been determined that the position is a conflict of interest with an elected position. Ayes; three, Nays; none, Absent; one. Motion Carried.

20. Motion to adjourn by Ashton, seconded by O'Mara, carried. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Vacant; one. Motion Carried.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
 Grayling Township Clerk

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

TO: The residents and property owners of Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing concerning amendments to the Beaver Creek Township Zoning Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall located within the Township at 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, as required under the provisions of the Township Zoning Act.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the public hearing is for the purpose of consideration and adoption of amendments to Article XIX, Administration and Enforcement, pertaining to the duties of the Zoning Administrator and enforcement provisions including creation of municipal civil infractions for violations of the Zoning Ordinance as authorized by Michigan law.

Anyone interested in reviewing the proposed Zoning Amendment or the Zoning Ordinance and Map may examine copies of same at the office of the Township Clerk, Sharon Hartman, Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 until the time of said hearing and may further review same at said public hearing.

Written correspondence or documents will be received from any interested persons concerning said proposed amendments by the Beaver Creek Township Clerk (name and address above) up until the time of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at said hearing.

The Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission and the Township Board reserve the right to make changes to the proposed amendments at, or following, the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place.

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, and audiotapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to the individuals with disabilities at the hearing, upon four days notice to the Beaver Creek Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address and telephone number listed below.

Sharon Hartman, Clerk
 Beaver Creek Township
 8888 S. Grayling Rd.
 Grayling, MI 49738
 Ph# (969) 275-8878

NOTICE OF OFFICE VACANCY MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

Maple Forest Township will be filling the office of Township Clerk. This will be an appointed position to fill the vacancy until the regular election in November 2004.

Candidates must be a qualified elector of Maple Forest Township (18 yrs. of age, a U.S. citizen, and have lived in the Township at least 30 days. Property ownership is NOT required) and registered to vote. Applicants must be available to hold regular office hours at the Township Hall 2 days per week (Tuesday and Wednesday 10am to 2pm).

Other desirable knowledge

- FAMILIAR WITH COMPUTERS
- GENERAL ACCOUNTING PRACTICES
- ELECTION LAWS/SYSTEMS

Those interested in filling this position should mail a resume to Mark D. Kniss 7416 N. Sherman Rd., Frederic, MI 49733 and must be received on or before January 8, 2004. Resumes received after that date will not be given consideration.

Appointments will be made at the regularly scheduled meeting on January 13, 2004.

Respectfully,
 Mark D. Kniss
 Supervisor
 Maple Forest Township

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

500 HURON STREET P.O. BOX 648

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

2004 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT THE ROAD COMMISSION OFFICE 10:00 A.M.

December 31, 2003	July 1, 2004
January 15, 2004	July 15, 2004
January 29, 2004	July 29, 2004
February 12, 2004	August 12, 2004
February 26, 2004	August 26, 2004
March 11, 2004	September 9, 2004
March 25, 2004	September 23, 2004
April 8, 2004	October 7, 2004
April 22, 2004	October 21, 2004
May 6, 2004	November 4, 2004
May 20, 2004	November 18, 2004
June 3, 2004	December 2, 2004
June 17, 2004	December 16, 2004
	December 30, 2004

For: Ken Riehte, Chairman
 John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
 Jim Burtch, Commissioner

Adopted: December 18, 2003

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



Crawford County Sheriff-elect Joseph P. White graduated from the Michigan Sheriff's Association's "New Sheriff's School." He attended banquet ceremonies featuring Lt. Gov. James H. Brickley and Michigan State University President Cecil Mackey.

23 Years Ago January 1, 1981

Sue Noteware accepted a \$250 check from Art Weideman, Treasurer of the Grayling Rotary Club for the Business and Professional Woman's Christmas Basket for the Needy project.

Brownies line up for goodies at their annual Christmas Party held December 18. After a caroling trip downtown, the girls enjoyed singing, a gift exchange and a special visit from Santa Claus at this year's holiday fete.

46 Years Ago January 2 1958

The Frederic Underground Forest Basketball team received their new suits of orange satin trimmed in red and black, a very pretty combination. They will be in full uniform at their next game right after New Years. Watch for dates.

Grayling State Bank marks its 25th anniversary.

Grayling Vikings take lead in Northern Michigan Class C Conference basketball race.

Grayling Sportmans Club buys 40 acres.

The home of the old Funck

farm, a county landmark, is destroyed by fire last Wednesday. The Dinner Bell Restaurant- all you can eat buffet on Friday 5 to 9 p.m. \$3.95, Saturday 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday noon to 8 p.m. \$4.50, salad bar included. Come dine with us.

69 Years Ago January 3, 1935

Spike's Beer Garden observed New Years with a jolly watch party Monday evening that was attended by a very large crowd. The Garden was decorated in holiday colors of red and green with balloons strung overhead.

The only ones who can make Grayling a better and more successful town are the people living right here. No one else can do it for us. This is another year, so let's go.

Efforts are being made to organize a Kiwanis Club in Grayling.

Temperatures around 30 above and a softly falling snow made New Years Eve an ideal night.

Amos Hunter and family are moving into their new home over the Grayling Dairy.

Dr. Stanley Stealy is driving a good-looking new Studebaker coach.

Stanley Stephan received a painful injury last Thursday while while hauling logs from his father's property. The truck they were using became lodged in the snow and while trying to push it out one of the logs rolled off, the end of it striking Stanley on the left side of his face and cutting a

deep gash.

The large barn at the County Infirmary was sold Wednesday to the Crawford County Road Commission for the sum of \$225. It will be put into use as a machine shop for the repairing of county-owned trucks and cars and other shop work that might be needed.

The newly organized Legion Drum and Bugle Corps have received their drums and bugles and had their first regular practice.

Davis White is nursing a sore foot caused when a couple logs rolled off a pile and struck his foot while at work at the Kerry & Hanson plant.

92 Years Ago January 4, 1912

About 100 tickets were sold for the New Years dancing party given by the Citizens band.

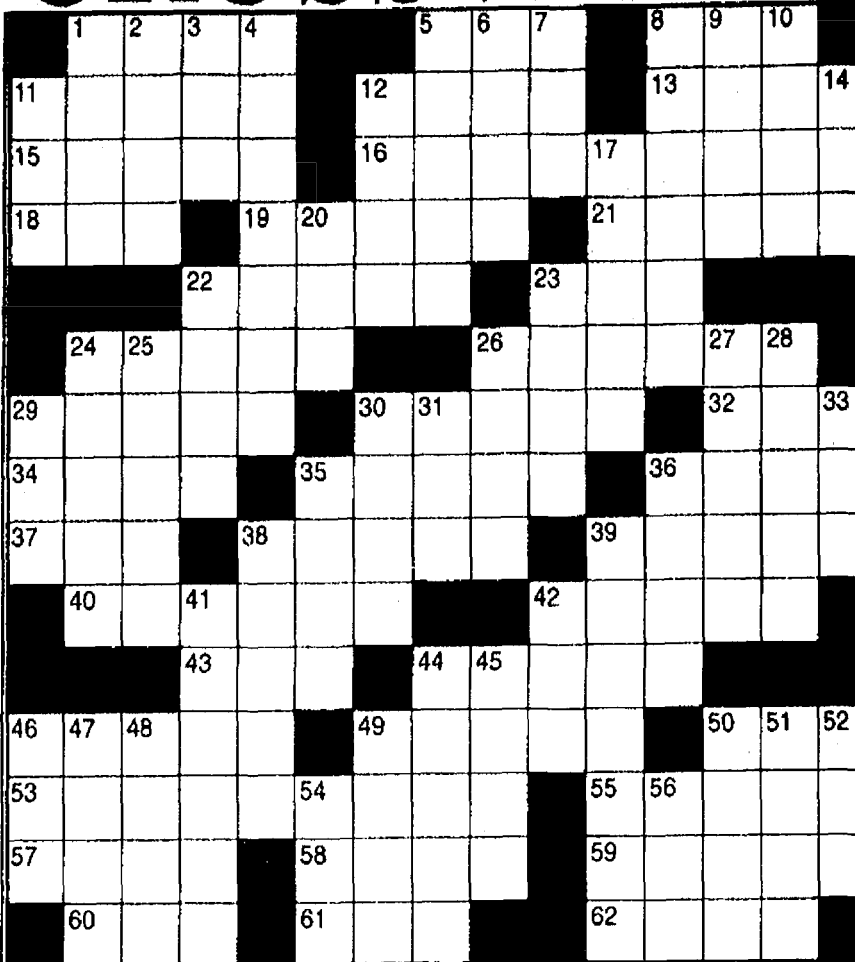
The new shingle mill at Lovells is almost completed and work will begin on a stove mill at once.

Frank Seda of Big Rapids on December 30 shot a wildcat of unusual size. In fact, it was so large that at first it was believed to be a lynx.

Oscar Deckrow has accepted a position at Mercy Hospital for the winter. He will have charge of the heating and water plants and other work.

Miss Lizzie Cobb of Maple Forest, a farmer of no little ability, reports crops better last year than for two years ago.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Unimaginative
- Manipulate fraudulently
- Ship's initials
- Lover's lane
- Pronoun preceding "shall"
- colada (cocktail)
- Put by
- Like cubic zirconia
- Jungfrau or Weisshorn
- Enlarges a hole
- Unprofessional
- Sculptor George
- howl
- Joint venture
- Beginning
- Composition from King David
- Cassoulet ingredients
- Type of doll
- Wild animals, collectively
- Brag
- FDR's pooch
- Ripen
- Rainbow fish
- Famed fabulist
- Job's preceder, in the OT
- Hexagonal wrench

- Old World: abbr.
- Like the milk of an old adage
- Apian horde
- Carnivals
- Feather scarf
- Registers for saving's accounts
- Freight carrier
- Stake
- "Spanish ____" (Herb Alpert hit)
- Main artery
- Benzene source
- Want ____
- Reagan and Moody

DOWN

- Make a phone call
- Confirm, in a way
- Drink for Andy Capp
- Efficiency apartment's lack
- Poesy
- Electrified particles
- Kind of feeling
- Turns over, in a way
- Locale
- Hair-raising sound?
- Skinny ____ rail (2 wds.)
- Dictator
- Deed
- Tells without telling
- Time without end
- Eight furlongs
- Em or Bee
- Henry Fowler's concern
- Designates
- Pottery kiln
- Clean the slate
- Stock, in cards
- Golf tournament initials
- Crude fellow
- de vie (brandy)
- Breach
- Member of Uncle Remus's family?
- Fedora material
- Hitch a ride
- Sports VIP
- Briefer
- Expose
- Benefits
- Leaning Tower of ____
- Workout spot
- Yearn for
- The Thin Man dog
- Do not ____ spindle, or mutilate
- Singe ____
- Fall months: abbr.
- Alias initials
- Two ____ kind (2 wds.)
- Aussie creature

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

Adopt a Pet



Toby is a 4-year old neutered male Shih-Tzu. He would really like a new home for the new year, but with no small children, please. Call 348-4117 for more information or stop by the shelter and meet Toby.

2004 Pet Calendars are still available for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 20 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

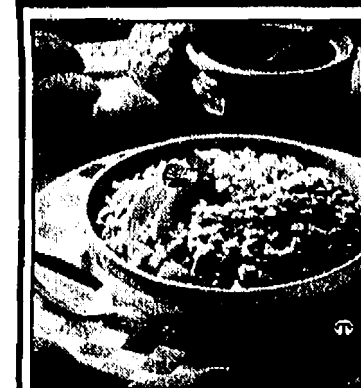
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Snow	Icon	High	Low	Icon	High	Low	Icon
12/23	42	28	3		High 28	Low 26		High 39	Low 18	
12/24	35	24	3		High 37	Low 24		High 36	Low 18	
12/25	27	24	5		High 39	Low 18		High 39	Low 10	
12/26	29	19	6		High 37	Low 24		High 36	Low 18	
12/27	42	12	6		High 39	Low 18		High 39	Low 10	
12/28	46	14	5		High 37	Low 24		High 36	Low 18	
12/29	43	36	3		High 39	Low 18		High 39	Low 10	

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Apricot Honey Oatmeal

- 3 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricots
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 2 cups Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)

- In 3-quart saucepan, bring water, apricots, honey, cinnamon and salt to a boil.
 - Stir in oats; return to a boil.
 - Reduce heat to medium; cook about 1 minute for quick oats (or 5 minutes for old fashioned oats) or until most of liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally.
 - Let stand until desired consistency.
- 4 servings

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

Did You Know

It is impossible to lick your elbow

HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 01, 2004

Capricorn
December 22 - January 19
It's a new year—time to make amends and clear away the clutter. A friend suggests a new exercise program; check with your doctor before trying it.

Aries
March 21 - April 19
The money will soon start rolling in. Be careful how you spend it, or you could wind up with nothing to show for it. A letter bears a surprise.

Cancer
June 22 - July 22
You have some time off coming. Start planning your vacation now. Go someplace exotic and wild.

Libra
September 23 - October 22
A family member is in crisis. Do what you can to help, but don't go overboard. Give them some space to sort things out.

Taurus
April 20 - May 20
A difficult situation at work is finally resolved. Go out and celebrate. An e-mail puzzles you. Get the facts straight before you reply.

Leo
July 23 - August 22
Diplomacy is not the key to a dilemma at home. The only way you're going to get anything accomplished is to be tough and take action.

Scorpio
October 23 - November 21
Correspondence with a friend has dwindled. Time to pick up the pace and get back on track. A phone call may help.

Virgo
August 23 - September 22
The crime of the century is about to take place at work—at least that's what your coworkers will think. Try to look at the situation from all sides before making judgment.

Pisces
February 19 - March 20
A friend receives an accolade. Spread the good news and plan something special to help them celebrate. A financial setback forces you to curb spending.

Gemini
May 21 - June 21
A situation at home improves. Don't get too happy. There are still some matters that need to be discussed and resolved.

Sagittarius
November 22 - December 21
With the new year comes a sense of renewal. Use the time to clear up lingering issues and replenish your spirit.

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

FLORIDA TRAILER 12 x 32 one bedroom, one bath. Living room, kitchen 12 x 32. Florida room glassed and furnished on Lake Harris. Heated pool and golf course. Phone (989) 348-8032 or (352) 742-1947. (-18-25-1/1)

1. Real Estate

TWO BEDROOM, TWO CAR attached garage, beautiful and quiet area, near Higgins and Houghton Lake. \$72,500 Call (989) 422-5891. (-25-1/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99)(1/1)

1. Real Estate

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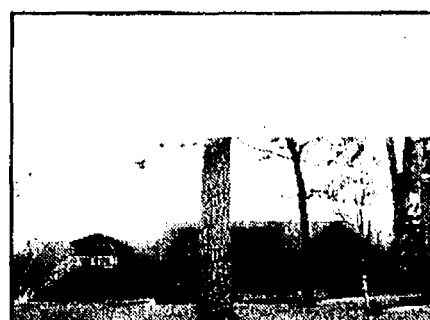
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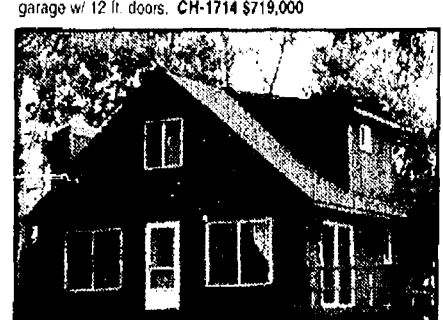
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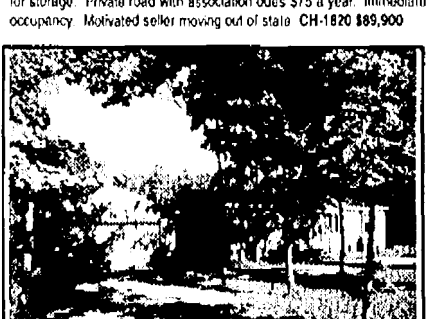
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NEW LISTING



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NEW LISTING



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PRICE REDUCTION



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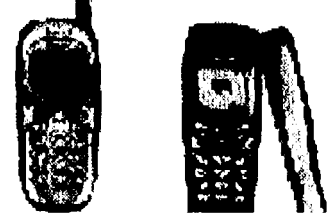


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